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Members of the elderly community troop to the Legislature on Capital Hill yesterday, pressing lawmakers to pass a budget so as not to shut down the Office on Aging and other government agencies. The Legislature wasn't able to pass a budget after the House of Representatives postponed yesterday's session to act on the Senate-amended budget bill, effectively killing any remaining chance to pass a budget by yesterday's deadline.

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For the first time in CNMI history, the government partially shuts down starting today following the 17th Legislature's failure to pass a balanced budget by the Sept. 30 deadline.

Over 1,400 government employees holding so-called non-essential positions as defined by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial are now temporarily out of jobs until the Legislature passes a budget and the governor signs it into law.

"Today is a sad day in the history of the CNMI. In my 23 years in the Legislature, I have never seen a House leadership that has turned its back to the people. It's a total disrespect to the people who gave them the right to represent them," Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) said, minutes after the House postponed its afternoon session to act on the Senate-amended budget bill.

The Senate, in a session that lasted until 1:25am yesterday, amended the new House budget bill that the House passed Wednesday night.

But the House moved its 3pm session yesterday to 5pm today, effectively killing any chance of having a budget passed by the Sept. 30 deadline.

Senators, however, remained on standby until last

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Disappointment with elected leaders

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Government employees, concerned citizens and their families expressed disappointment not only with the Legislature but also the Fitial administration for failing to avert an unprecedented CNMI government shutdown today because of a lack of a timely passed budget.

"If the governor and lieutenant governor are sincere in their feelings of how much this shutdown will affect many people's lives, they should have come to the Legislature, put aside differences, call all 29 members and sit down with them and lay the matter on the table to resolve once and for all what is the best way to address the budget issue," said a 59-year-old government employee who witnessed the House and Senate sessions.

Over 1,400 government employees, as well as their families, are deeply affected by the shutdown.

"The governor, lieutenant governor and the majority bloc of the Legislature are dead set on a budget that will only benefit a handful few," said the employee, who requested anonymity for fear of losing her job for expressing her frustration with elected leaders.

A 46-year-old mother of six, who was among those who waited for the House session to resume yesterday afternoon, said she's "very sad" to tell her family that starting today, she won't be able to report to work.

"I hope they pass a budget soon. I feel sad and disappointed because I won't have a job until they pass a budget," the Kagman resident said. She asked her name to be withheld, fearing that she won't get her job back.

She is among the non-essential government employees who won't be able to report for work and receive any salary.

Former representative Ed Salas said he's "really disappoint-

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Shutdown to delay retirees' pension this month—Fund

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The shutdown of the NMI Retirement Fund today is expected to delay the issuance of pension payments and other benefits to thousands of retirees.

The Fund is among the agencies not considered essential by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in his directive to shut down the government after the House of Representatives failed to pass a budget on time.

Board of trustees chair Sixto Igisomar said yesterday that he has already appealed the matter to the governor but there has been no official decision on the matter as yet.

"It is of great concern as it affects the timely release of all pension checks. For every day that the Fund is offline, that is a day added to the delay of pension release. I am praying that the Legislature understands that they are affecting the lives of every citizen and/or residents of the CNMI directly and indirectly," said Igisomar.

He said he understands the governor's position as he is limited by the new constitutional amendment.

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Local

Congress votes to skip 2011 minimum wage hike

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan announced yesterday that both the U.S. Senate and House have voted in favor of an amendment to the minimum wage law that he submitted after consultation with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The amendment provides for the annual 50-cent increase in minimum wage every Sept. 30 to be skipped in 2011 and then resume in 2012. The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

Sablan has been working with HANMI and the Chamber since April when the Government Accountability Office issued a report expressing uncertainty about the economic impact of the annual 50-cent increases that began in 2007.

"With today's increase of 50 cents, bringing us to $5.05 per hour here in the Northern Mariana Islands," Sablan said, "businesses that are primarily employing minimum wage workers have experienced a 66-percent increase in their labor costs in just three years. That is a very substantial change in the cost of doing business. Even GAO, with its highly skilled economic analysts, was reluctant to predict exactly what would happen if the minimum wage continued to go up at this fast pace.

"On the other hand, the minimum wage increases have been very beneficial to workers. GAO found that residents of the NMI earning minimum wage have been able to keep ahead of inflation over the last several years.

"The amendment we got through Congress today represents a reasonable compromise and a cautious policy. Workers will get their raise, which business has been expecting and has budgeted for.

"Businesses will get some breathing room next year.

"And GAO and other analysts, here and in Washington, will have more time to collect data and observe just how the economy is adjusting to the increased cost of labor."

HANMI president Nick Nishikawa and Chamber president Douglas Brennan wrote to Sablan in June expressing their support for the one-year break on behalf of their membership.

"We ask that you support a one-year moratorium on the annual 50-cent increase scheduled for calendar year 2011," they wrote, "and that the impact of the minimum wage rate increases in the Commonwealth be again studied and reported back to Congress by the General Accountability Office in 2012, prior to the resumption of the increases."

"It's a wise course of action," Sablan agreed. "We keep a close eye on the economic impact, using the experts at GAO as a resource.

"We make sure we don't do anything that would cost our economy jobs. But we also make sure that the people in those jobs are being paid fairly and are receiving a dignified wage for their work."

Under the wire legislation

The minimum wage amendment, which also halts minimum wage increases in American Samoa, was amended to H.R. 3940 in the Senate on Tuesday. H.R. 3940 allows for federal funding of public education to consider Guam's political status and was authored by Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo.

The territorial package faced numerous obstacles raised by Senate Republicans, but was eventually approved by unanimous consent in the closing hour of business.

On Wednesday the amended bill was transmitted to the House and again faced procedural barriers. The House was speeding toward passage of a must-pass spending bill to keep the federal government in operation after October 1 and the agenda was filled with legislation that members wanted action on before leaving for the campaign trail.

"We were very fortunate to have good working relationships with my Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller, who is an influential member of the leadership and skilled at the procedure of

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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Cancer awareness advocates pose for a group photo after Mayor Donald Flores signed a proclamation declaring October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month yesterday at the Mayor's office.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores signed yesterday a proclamation designating October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Cancer survivors, family members, and other community members witnessed the proclamation signing held at the Mayor's office.

Flores acknowledged that breast cancer is the most cancer among the women in the commonwealth.

"Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women nationally, exceeded only by lunch cancer, and the chance of developing invasive cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8," he said.

According to Flores, the y-ray picture of the breast commonly known as the mammogram is recognized as the most effective method in detecting breast changes that could possibly lead to cancer.

The mayor urged all women 20 years and older to practice self-examination of their breasts or avail of clinical breast exams from health care providers on a regular basis to prevent

"Let's continue to spread the message to our loved ones and let them know that there is prevention to cancer. Please set up that appointment for a free check up and let's be safe for ourselves and for our loved ones," said Flores.

Before the proclamation, the mayor and cancer survivors Maggie Camacho and Josephine Sablan lighted three candles symbolizing cancer survivors who promote cancer awareness, loved ones who care for cancer patients, and cancer patients who passed away.

In an interview, Camacho also encouraged women especially those above 40 to get breast screening. "Early detection means early prevention," she said.

Camacho, who serves as the treasurer of the Commonwealth Cancer Association, told *Saipan Tribune* that loved ones who take care of cancer patients should also be recognized because they serve as pillars of strength for these patients.

With the proclamation signing, Camacho remains hopeful that the public will get the message that breast cancer does exist and that they should support activities lined up for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"These activities will help increase awareness about breast cancer so we should all support them," she said.

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the House, and with my Natural Resources Chairman Nick Rahall, who is also a practiced hand," said Sablan.

"Our territorial partners Chairwoman Bordallo and Chairman Faleomavaega are, also, very experienced and great to work with," he added. "Chairman Faleomavaega deserves great credit for his calls to Majority Leader Harry Reid and other key decision-makers."

"There really is no substitute for experience when it comes to getting things done in Congress."

It was after midnight when the final roll call vote of the day was taken in the House, approving H.R. 3940. It passed 386 to 5. ***(PR)***

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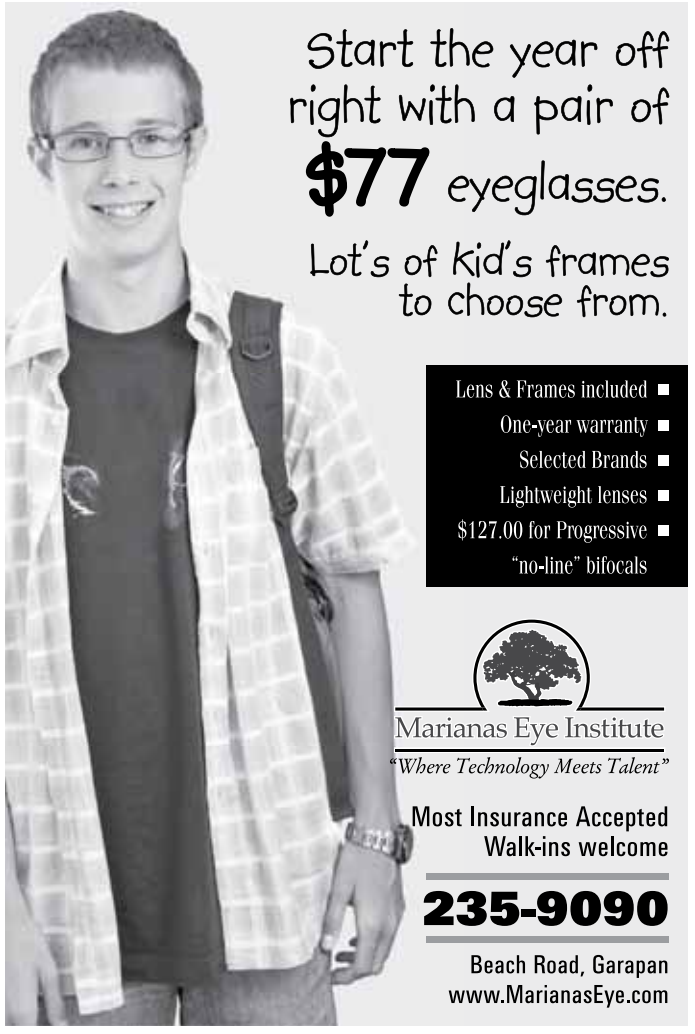

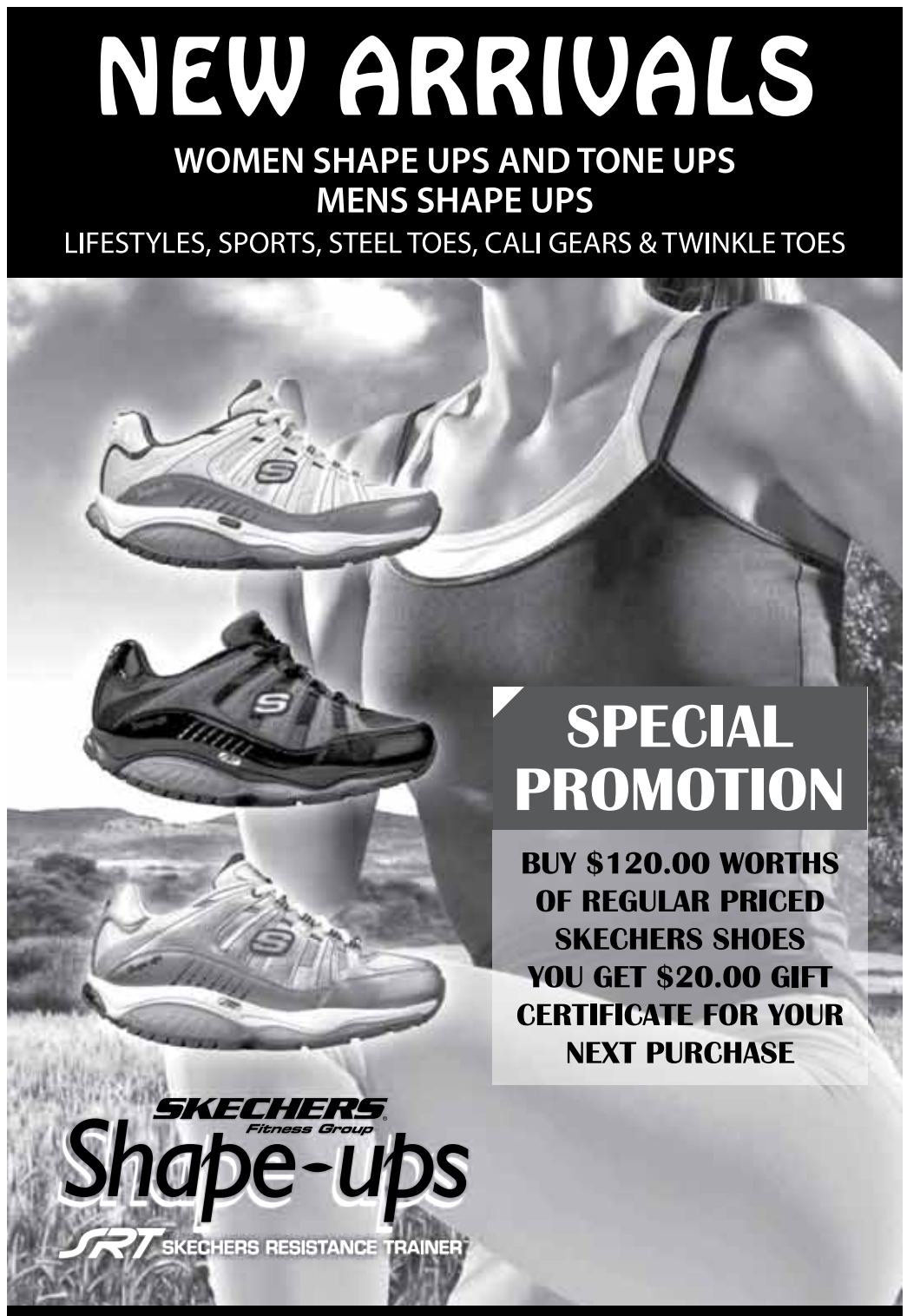

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ed" with the failure to pass a budget on time.

He said the 17th Legislature should have convened a joint session and locked themselves in and don't leave until a balanced budget is passed.

"Never in the history of the Commonwealth has our government shut down and the time for shutting down is not now when so many people are suffering. We need to brace ourselves for the effects of a government shutdown as no one knows of its ramifications. The question now is, how long can the government shut down without more harm?" Salas added.

Businesses, including the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, which is the largest business group in the CNMI with some 150 members, are also wary of a government shutdown.

"A temporary shutdown of non-essential government services is obviously going to cause extreme hardship for affected employees. It will also affect the businesses that these individuals patronize," said Kyle Calabrese, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Calabrese, however, said that the Chamber fully supports the constitutional mandate of a balanced budget passed on time.

'Not acceptable'

House minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), author of the legislative initiative that amended the constitution to prohibit continuing resolution and allows for timely passage of a balanced budget, said the House's failure to act on the Senate-amended budget bill "is just not acceptable."

"Even with the differences in the budget versions, the latest budget package is only 43 pages including appendix, and we still have eight hours to pass a budget but the House leadership decided not to give it a chance," Benavente said.

House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) announced at around 4pm yesterday that the session will be moved to 5pm today.

Benavente said despite the outcome of a government shutdown, he has only one regret in introducing House Legislative Initiative 16-11.

"The only thing I regret is I didn't introduce it some 10 years ago so we wouldn't have over $300 million in deficit. But if we don't do it now, it will further hurt us," he said.

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) said even as of yesterday, he was hoping that a budget could be passed had both leaderships come to a compromise.

But he said his worst fear became a reality when the House leadership didn't give the budget bill a chance to be voted on.

"That's hard to comprehend when we know the dire consequences of a shutdown… That's a plain disregard of the consequences of not passing a budget," said Sablan.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) said members of the minority bloc have combined years of experience to help in the budget process but the House majority didn't give them a chance to help.

"Every single day that we do not pass a budget means one day that employees will not get paid and services not rendered to the public," he said.

Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) said she's disappointed that the budget issue "has been treated like an object and not human lives."

"The lack of a new budget will severely impact the thousands of government employees that no one can imagine what would happen next. If I have my own way, I would rather make history by voting on a budget that is not balanced than go down in history for failing to compromise and averting government shutdown," Santos said.

Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), during a session yesterday, said "this is a very sad day not because we don't have a budget but because this happens during our watch."

"Even the governor and his administration don't want to see this record appearing in his term of office because this hasn't happened before. As members of the Legislature, we also feel the sadness and frustration of having to negotiate and compromise with our counterparts in the House… and for the House not to compromise," he said.

He said it is an "injustice" to the people and "recklessness" on the part of the House leadership despite concessions made by the Senate.

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night should the House change its mind to hold a session and act on the budget.

House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) separately said yesterday that the Senate's version, if passed, will not balance the $132 million budget and will result in the layoff of 383 employees in the Executive Branch alone.

Government employees on Capital Hill couldn't believe that the House and the Senate "couldn't agree on a budget" and expressed disappointment that lawmakers failed to save over 1,400 employees from temporary joblessness and prevent many public services from shutting down.

"We don't have the leadership we need to pass this budget and that's sad… It's a disservice to the community," said House minority leader Rep. Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), who introduced the legislative initiative that disallows continuing resolutions and calls for the timely passage of a budget every year.

At the end of the day, it all boils down to the relationship between House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and the Senate president, Benavente said.

Emergency declaration

When Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) announced around 4pm yesterday that the House would be in recess until 5pm today, people in the House gallery—mostly *man'amko* holding placards pleading for a budget to be passed—let out sighs of disappointment.

But even before this, the governor had already issued an executive order on the government shutdown that takes effect at midnight on Oct. 1.

Fitial signed at 2:23pm yesterday an executive order declaring a state of emergency pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the CNMI Constitution which states that the government may not draw funds from the general fund, with the exception of certain essential services, if no appropriations act is in effect on Oct. 1, 2010.

"I… do hereby declare a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as no balanced budget for fiscal year 2011 was in effect at 12am, on Oct. 1, 2010," he said in his 13-page emergency declaration.

His emergency declaration expires in 31 days unless extended.

The governor said his executive order invokes his emergency powers to determine and operate the government's essential services under the CNMI Constitution, and to declare what those services entail and include.

He revised his list of services and positions considered "essential" and are therefore exempted from the shutdown starting today.

Most directly provide services related to public safety, health, education and welfare.

Deadlock until deadline

The Senate and the House gad been deadlocked on the original fiscal year 2011 budget bill, resulting in the Sept. 14 creation of a six-member conference committee that Basa chaired.

After several closed-door meetings, open meetings, heated arguments and a walkout, the committee remained deadlocked as of Wednesday.

Manglona dissolved the Senate conference committee due to the deadlock, and through a Senate resolution adopted on Tuesday, he called on all 29 lawmakers to clear the impasse on Wednesday but the House majority members snubbed the requested joint meeting and called for a news conference instead.

On Wednesday night, Basa and Ogumoro introduced a new budget bill, House Bill 17-119, House Substitute 1.

But the bill still carries provisions that the Senate was opposed to. The House didn't move an inch, senators said.

The House version of the budget bill still calls for a 16-hour work cut per pay period and 13 unpaid holidays.

The Senate, which held a session until 1:25am Thursday, is firm on an eight-hour cut per pay period, but compromised on 10 unpaid holidays from its earlier proposal of seven, and before that, zero.

Senators were hoping that the House would accept the amended budget bill.

The House set a 10am session yesterday, and moved it to 3pm, only to announce around 4pm yesterday that they would be in recess until 5pm.

'Why?'

When it was announced that the House session is moved to 5pm today, Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) approached the microphone to address a question to Ogumoro, who was about to leave the House chamber. The crowd in the chamber and the lobby stood still.

Ogumoro said the Senate made major changes to the House bill and the "committee is working on those changes."

The vice speaker was referring to the House Ways and Means Committee which Basa chairs.

Benavente said had the House leadership went on with the session and placed the Senate-amended budget bill for voting, it could have passed the House given what's at stake if the House fails to pass the budget—over 1,400 employees won't be able to work, their families would suffer, and many public services will not be available.

Basa, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the announcement, said the House leadership has enough votes to reject the Senate-amended budget bill.

"We are constitutionally mandated to pass a balanced budget that the governor will be able to sign into law. The Senate's eight hours won't result in a balanced budget. For Christ's sake, we don't want everybody to get laid off. Is that hard to comprehend? We are talking about peoples' lives," he said.

He said it is "unfortunate" that the Senate did what it did.

"The lower house did its part to the best of its ability," added Basa, who also chaired the six-member conference committee on the budget bill.

Basa said the House leadership didn't see any point to move on with yesterday's 3pm session.

"The Senate's version is worse than their previous version of the budget… I just feel sorry for the people who are affected. I am affected, too," he said.

Lawmakers also forfeit their salaries starting today, until they pass a budget.

'Let the people be the judge'

But Basa said in a way, the constitutional amendment requiring a yearly budget passed "is good for the CNMI."

"It opens the eyes of the leaders. We will start seeing honest government leaders," he said.

When asked whether it is right to blame the 17th Legislature for the government shutdown, Basa said: "Let the people be the judge."

"I am proud I have a group of leaders who believe in honest and fair government. No more politics," he said.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, who was on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon, echoed Manglona's sentiment that the House's inaction on the budget bill as amended by the Senate is a disservice to the public.

"It's a sad day for the people of the Commonwealth, especially government employees. It's also sad that the speaker has taken a very strong stand to make sure the government shuts down so he can impose his decision to try to bring back casino legislation," Dela Cruz said in an interview.

He said the House leadership should have considered that the over 1,400 employees who could not report to work have children, wives and relatives that depend on them for food and shelter.

"It shows the insensitivity on the part of the House leadership, and keep the people hostage," he added.

But the mayor said despite the shutdown, he's happy and grateful to Tinian employees who volunteered to still continue maintaining tourist sites on Tinian.

Contentious issues

Both House counsel Joe Taijeron and Senate counsel Matthew Meyer said during the separate sessions of both chambers that the flexibility clause in the budget bill—specifically the power given to expenditure authorities to reduce work hours, wages, or implement furloughs or combination—provides for enough flexibility for the government to live within the $132 million resource available for operations in fiscal year 2011.

In responding to lawmakers' questions, the counsels separately said whether it is 16 hours or eight hours cut per pay period, it will not make the $132 million budget unbalanced or in violation of the Constitution all because of the flexibility clause.

Senators and House minority members, however, frowned over the House majority's insistence to increase the leadership accounts of the House to $400,000 from the current $76,000 and the Senate to $300,000 from $76,000.

Both Senate and House, however, agreed on the annual discretionary allowance of each lawmaker, from the current $86,000 to $80,000.

Despite Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero's (R-Saipan) proposed floor amendment to reduce the leadership accounts of the House and Senate to $300,000 and $200,000 respectively, and give the difference to Northern Marianas College and the Judiciary, this was defeated on an 8-11 vote.

In the Senate, senators amended the House proposal on the leadership accounts to mirror the House minority members' proposal.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) also offered a floor amendment to reduce the work hour cuts only by eight hours plus only seven unpaid holidays, but this was also shot down on an 11-8 vote.

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"The Fund cannot to afford to be offline 100 percent [on Friday], but we will do our best to manage and hope the budget is resolved no more than a day. Otherwise the 3,000 plus retirees will be without pension on the 15th of October," said Igisomar.

If the Fund is allowed a skeleton crew, they will only be processing the check issuance. There will be no other services such as changes, employee refunds, retirement applications, disability, survivor benefit application processing, death benefit payouts, and so on.

Igisomar said they have already asked about 12 key staff to continue working during the shutdown.

However, if the government shutdown is prolonged, this could lead to cancellation of important programs for the retirees.

"If this government shutdown is prolonged, there could potentially be a danger of all government employees and retiree life and health insurance coverage cancellation," Igisomar said, adding that these are merely the obvious consequences of the Fund shutting down. There are other serious ramifications if the government shutdown is prolonged, he said.

'CRA appeal'

Members of the Commonwealth Retirees' Association also appealed Wednesday to the governor to exempt the Fund from closure to avoid risking the retirees' pension program and medical insurance.

"The medical insurance might be at risk should the government not pay its share of the employees' insurance premium. Although the Fund is faithfully paying Aetna with insurance premium for retirees, if the government fails to pay….our medical insurance might not be accepted by medical providers or drug companies or worst, the insurance coverage with Aetna might be cancelled," CRA chair Juan Sablan said.

If this occurs, it will be very devastating to retirees, he added.

CRA also expressed concern about the lack of public education on two legislative initiatives that are up for people's ratification on Nov. 2. House Legislative Initiative 16-13 and 17-1 are two of the three initiatives that address the solvency of the Fund.

Dance companies to perform at Korean Festival on Monday

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Two dance companies from Korea are scheduled to arrive on Saturday to participate in the 2010 Korean Festival on Oct. 4 at 7:30pm.

Jun Ho Park of the P,Art Academy said 51 members of the Yehwa Dance Company and Choi Jaehee Dance Company will perform various Korean cultural dances at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Since 1994, the P,Art Music Academy of Saipan has been inviting these dance companies from Korea to celebrate Korean culture and to join in the Liberation Day festivities, said Park.

Choreographers Yoo Kyung Sook of the Yehwa Dance Company and Choi Jaehee will be in charge of the presentations.

Park told *Saipan Tribune* said the two companies will be on Saipan to take part in the festival for the first time.

Park said hosting the Korean groups was made possible through the assistance of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

"Every year, we always get help from the mayor. We are very thankful for that," he said.

Mayor Donald Flores said he appreciates Park's efforts to bring in performing groups from Korea to Saipan.

"When we bring visitors to the island, it helps our economy. There is also learning and understanding about cultures. It improves the relationship between Saipan and Korea," said Flores in an interview after the proclamation signing of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The mayor encourages all community members to watch the Korean Festival performances on Monday, which will be free for the public.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Car seat assistance program suspended

Effective Oct. 1, 2010, the Car Seat Assistance Program will be temporarily suspended until further notice. Call 664-9121/22 for any inquiries. ***(PR)***

SSHS progress report out

To all parents and legal guardians of Saipan Southern High School, the mid-term I progress report is scheduled to be picked up on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 from 3pm to 6pm. Teachers will be available in their classrooms for parents/guardian visit. All students will be released at 1pm. ***(PR)***

DEQ brigade sets Jeffrey's Beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's monthly cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Jeffrey's Beach in Talafofu on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8am, at the entrance to Jeffery's Beach.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(DEQ)***

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Tinian admits allegations, agrees to make monthly payment

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The NMI Retirement Fund has sued the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan in the CNMI Superior Court for failure to pay $1.9 million in employee and employer contributions, plus penalties.

The municipality admitted owing Fund $1,915,823.29 for contributions as of April 21, 2010.

Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz and legal counsel Joey P. San Nicolas have already signed an agreement with Fund board of trustees chair Sixto K. Igisomar and the board's legal counsel, Viola Alepuyo, to start remitting regular payments to the Fund.

The Fund had sued the municipality for breach of contract.

Alepuyo said the municipality had relied on Public Law 15-15 to withhold employer contribution for all Tinian employees in April 2007 and not make the required contributions to the Fund.

That law, enacted on June 16, 2006, allowed the CNMI government to suspend employer contributions from March 1, 2006, until the end of fiscal year 2007.

Alepuyo said the Superior Court issued a ruling on June 29, 2009, that declared Public Law 15-15 unconstitutional because it violates Article III and the contracts clause of the CNMI Constitution.

Because of this reliance on Public Law 15-15, Alepuyo said the municipality now owes the Fund $1,456,921 for deficient employer and employee contributions as of April 21, 2010.

It also owes the Fund $458,902.29 in penalties for not remitting employee and employer contributions timely, Alepuyo said.

In their agreement, the Fund and the municipality agreed that a judgment be entered against Tinian in the amount of $1,915.823.29 for contributions.

Beginning Dec. 1, 2010, Tinian will make a $15,000 monthly payment to the Fund toward satisfying the judgment, in addition to any amounts due for employee and employer contributions.

Tinian's last payment will be made on Jan. 1, 2021, in the amount of $14,942.24.

In the event of changed and or worsening economic condition, Tinian may ask the court to lower the payments.

If the Tinian economy improves, the municipality may increase its payments to the Fund.

At the signing of the stipulation, both parties agreed that Tinian shall immediately remit $55,000 to the Fund.

Govendo to call Naraja, Manglona as witnesses

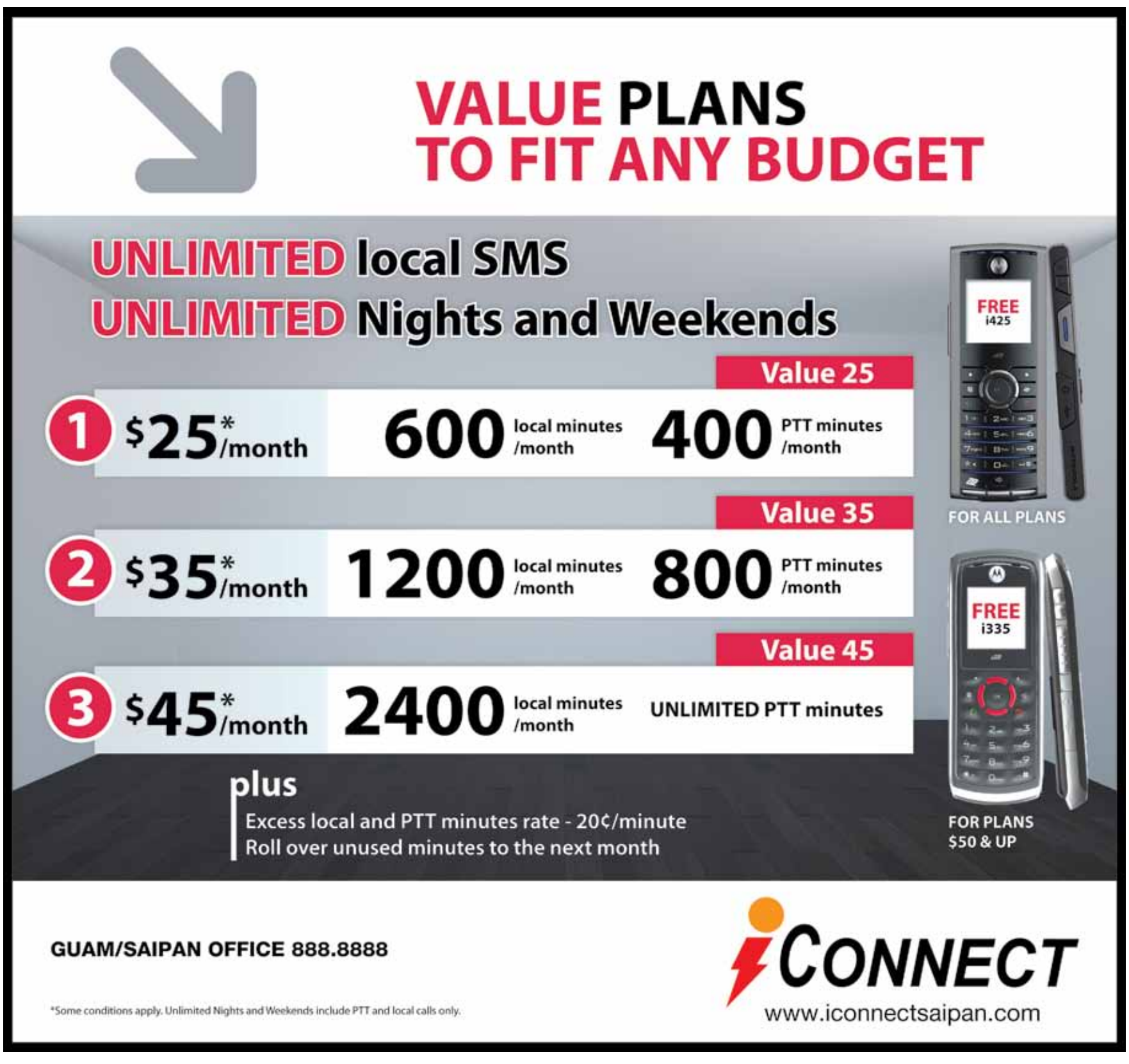
Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo will call to the witness stand presiding judge Robert C. Naraja and associate judge Ramona V. Manglona during his sanction hearing on Oct. 15, 2010.

The CNMI Supreme Court will conduct the hearing to determine the sanctions that will be imposed on Govendo for violating the canons and rules for judicial conduct.

In his witness list submitted to the Supreme Court, Govendo named Naraja and Manglona as witnesses, as well as his own name and his former court secretary, Myrna Santos.

Govendo sent a separate subpoena for Manglona to testify at the sanction hearing.

The CNMI Supreme Court had found Govendo's "adios muchacho" statement and two other statement at court hearings as racially derogatory and in violations of the applicable canons and rules of judicial conduct. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



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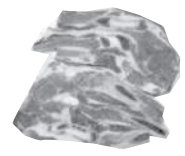

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NMC TO NON-EXEMPTED PERSONNEL

'Continue working as usual despite shutdown'

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The Northern Marianas College management has directed its non-exempted personnel to continue reporting for work, despite the possible shutdown of the CNMI government today.

NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera conveyed this to the college community and staff in her email memorandum on Tuesday, saying that the college is seeking ways on how it could sustain the jobs of all NMC personnel.

Based on the governor's essential services list, only instructional (faculty and adjunct instructions) and support staff of the college are exempted from the shutdown.

NMC employs 86 instructors, including those serving as part-time teachers; 44 non-instructional faculty that includes department chairs, scientists, counselors, and extension aids; and 109 staff and administrators—or those classified as non-faculty employees.

Cabrera's memo states that she and members of the management team are currently working to expand the definition of essential services to include all college personnel.

"We are imploring the Governor's Office to consider the impact to our students and to our accreditation," she said.

Cabrera wrote Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Tuesday to ask that all NMC personnel be classified as essential and thus exempted from the shutdown. She said that failure to include these employees would result in the shutdown of all federal programs at the college and will jeopardize the college's accreditation status and the federal financial assistance.

The Governor's Office has yet to respond.

While waiting for a response, Cabrera said the management is also considering other options to ensure the continuity of student learning and student services.

"More details will come from your supervisors in the next few days, but if a budget is not passed by Oct. 1, please continue reporting to work as usual unless otherwise instructed by my office," Cabrera's memo stated.

There are two funding sources for NMC: the local appropriation that pays for the salaries of personnel and the students' tuition and fees that cover the college's operational needs and salaries of adjunct personnel.

Cabrera, in her letter to Fitial on Tuesday, indicated that dipping into other financial resources of the college may help in the short-term but doing so will hurt the college in the long run.

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Oct. 1, 1999

Red Cross raises funds for disaster

The American Red Cross collects funds today for the victims of Taiwan earthquake. The fund-raising activity, which is also being coordinated by the Police Academy cadets, will be held at the Microl intersection. The American Red Cross also said that all funds collected from the coin boxes around island from now through the end of October will be for the American Red Cross Disaster Response Fund to help victims of Hurricane Floyd and other disasters. NMC Student Council inauguration today. The newly elected officers of the Northern Marianas College student council will be sworn in by NMC Board Chairman Ramon G. Villagomez at 12:00 pm today.

Govt agencies to receive allotment advice

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is expected to issue today, the beginning of the new fiscal year, the allotment advise for the first quarter of FY 2000 that will guide departments and agencies on how much they can spend to meet personnel and operational costs for the next three months. It is based on spending limit from FY 99 under the continuing resolution since the Legislature and the administration have failed to agree on the distribution of the $206.7 million proposed budget. "We could issue the quarterly advise with additional funding, but that will of course cost them as subsequent advise will be deducted," he told in an interview yesterday.

Oct. 1, 2001

DOF: Aviation fuel tax money used up

The Senate has amended the aviation fuel tax bill-for the third time-to include the creation of marketing director positions for Tinian and Rota, which all but dooms the measure to being vetoed-again-by the Governor. At the same time, it now appears that the bill would actually be useless in the short-term, as the aviation fuel tax for this fiscal year has already been depleted, according to Finance Secretary Lucy Nielsen. During Thursday's fourth regular session, the Senate passed House Bill 12-416, which seeks to amend 4 CMC Section 1803 to allow the Marianas Visitors Authority to receive 100 percent of the aviation fuel tax as supplemental promotional budget.

No response yet on Ogumoro's request

The US Navy was tight-lipped as to whether it would consider the request of Northern Islands Mayor Joseph T. Ogumoro, who offered the islands for military training in exchange for the construction of airports and seaports, as the command disclosed that it is not actively using its leased lands on Tinian and Saipan. When asked for comment on Ogumoro's request, Lt. Monica M. Richardson, public affairs officer of the Naval Forces Marianas, only replied via email: "We have received the letter you mentioned." Richardson said the command is not actively using the lands on Tinian and on Saipan that were leased by the military from the Office of Public Lands' predecessor, the defunct Marianas Public Land Corporation.

Oct. 1, 2002

JAL renews commitment to NMI tourism industry

Amid the not-so-rosy economic scenario and the equally disheartening passenger haul in recent years, Japan Airlines maintains its full commitment to the Northern Marianas as it vowed to be the Commonwealth's partner in the years to come-a sound resolution as the carrier celebrates its 25th year on the islands today. Sans fanfare and posh celebration, Japan Airlines will mark its 25th year in operations in the CNMI today. JAL Sales Manager Saipan District Office Yasuyoshi Kinoshita said that with two flights a day-thanks to the services provided by JAL and JALways-Tokyo and Osaka residents get the chance to see the CNMI any day of the week.

Self-service gas pumps, anyone?

House Commerce Committee Chair Andrew S. Salas has called on oil giants Mobil Oil Marianas Inc. and Shell Marianas to consider putting up self-service gas pumps on their CNMI stations, a feature that he believes would reduce the price of gas for cash-strapped NMI consumers. Salas projected that self-service gas pumps will reduce by at least 20 cents the price of gasoline per gallon. The suggestion first arose during last week's public hearing on the proposed Fairness in Gasoline Prices Act of 2002, which gathered executives from Mobil and Shell, as well as several commission agents and other industry players.

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The American dream: Is it slipping away?

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For all the talk these days of porous borders and external threats to the United States, the core of our sense of security and identity as a nation has always come from within. What's surprising, perhaps, is that it derives less from our vaunted democracy or our freedoms than it does from that rather nebulous notion we call the American dream.

The dream is the glue that keeps us all together. It's the vague promise that our lot will get better over time that gives us the patience to endure whatever indignities we suffer at the moment. It's the belief that our kids will have a better chance in life than we do that keeps the many elements of this diverse, highly competitive society from ultimately tearing each other apart. More than anything else, it's the fabled dream that fuses hundreds of millions of separate, even competing individual dreams into one national collective enterprise.

But what happens when too many Americans stop believing in that dream? Last week's ABC News/Yahoo News poll revealed that today, only half of us think the American dream—which the pollsters defined as "if you work hard you'll get ahead"—still holds true, while 43 percent said that it had once been true. That only 4 percent of respondents thought that there was never such a dream testifies to the power of the phenomenon.

Not surprisingly, attitudes varied from group to group. Respondents with higher incomes tended to still believe in the dream more than those with lower incomes. Similarly, the college educated were bigger believers than the less educated. Independent voters believe less than either Democrats or Republicans, and Americans who live in the West are significantly more likely to believe than those in the Rust Belt. Reflective perhaps of varying levels of expectations—or sense of entitlement—nonwhites are more likely to believe in the dream than are whites.

This isn't the first opinion survey whose findings suggest that our social glue has begun to lose its grip. And, significantly, the signs began to arise well before the Great Recession. In 2006, a CNN poll found that over half of respondents thought the American dream was no longer attainable for most Americans. Way back in booming 1995, a Business Week/Harris poll found that two-thirds of Americans believed that the American dream had become harder to achieve in the previous decade, and three-quarters believed that achieving the dream would be harder yet in the coming decade.

The fact that belief in the achievability of the dream was slipping in good times indicates that our attitudes toward it are shaped by more than objective economic reality.

Writers such as William Greider have suggested that the notion that a family's material well-being will only get better over time is simply not sustainable. Gregg Easterbrook has written that, in recent years, the dream itself went into overdrive. At some point, it was no longer enough for people to keep up with the Joneses; they had to "call and raise" them.

Still, the latest dream data seem mostly driven by objective data. For nearly three decades, economic inequality has been widening, and some studies are suggesting that aside from the immigrant experience, the U.S. is not nearly as economically mobile—the ability of people to move up the ladder within a lifetime or from one generation to the next—as we would like to believe.

Though a certain level of income inequality is necessary for competition—without it, there'd be little incentive to strive—too much not only diminishes the size of the middle class, which is something like the nation's social rudder, it challenges the very idea of ourselves as a nation.

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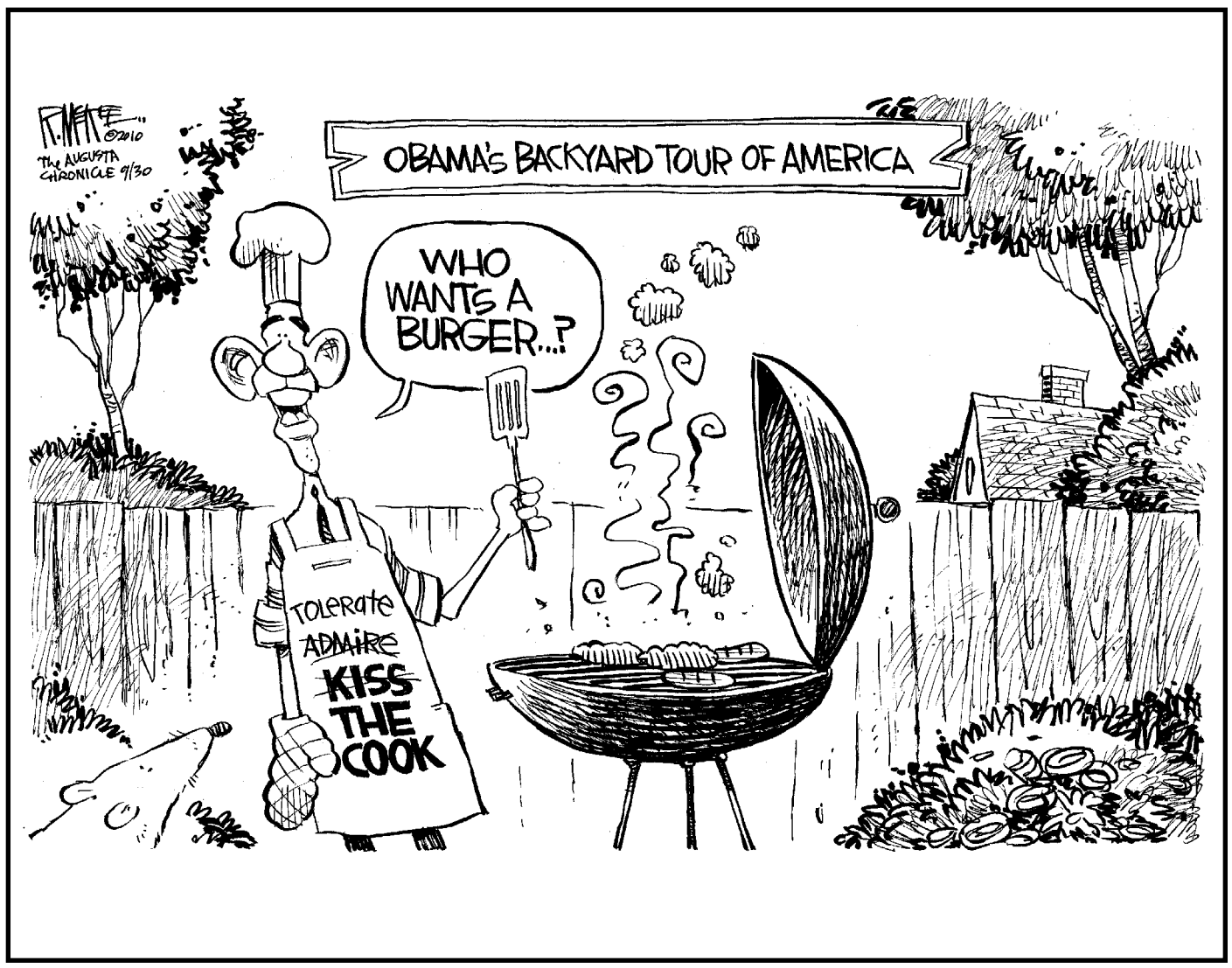

China Zhonghua Renmin Gongheguo

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Today begins a seven-day holiday for China, marking the completion of its 61st year as a nation since proletarian Mao Zedong walked into Tiananmen Square in Beijing and announced the creation of the Peoples' Republic of China, sending Nationalists of the Kuomintang forces under Chiang Kai-shek to Formosa, now called Taiwan. Claiming itself as the legitimate Republic of China, one of the original signatories of the United Nations, the ROC sat in the UN Security Council until 1971 when the General Assembly finally saw the light.

Last year's 60th year anniversary displayed the nation's discipline, wealth and power following the successful hosting of the Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics. This year, China replaced Japan as No. 2 economy size, projected to exceed that of the United States leader in a decade. The world and China are on display in the current October concluding Shanghai Expo 2010.

China as an empire began with the Qin (pronounced Chin) 200 years before the beginning of the Current Era, and ruled last by the Manchu Qing. Calling the land and nation China is appropriate. There are also other names associated with the geography. "Cathay" was popularized after Marco Polo, and Sino from Sinae (as in Marcianus of Heraclea writing, nations of the Sinae lie at the extremity of the habitable world, and adjoin the eastern Terra Incognita) is where we get terms like "Sinitic" and "Sinocize."

OK, lest we are accused of parading erudition rather than just facility in Googling and scanning Wikipedia, our continuing interest in China goes a back to Northern Luzon where stories of the pirate Limahong bedeviling the budding merchant trade out of Manila and Vigan, Ilocos Sur, was comparable to the notoriety of the pirates of the Caribbean. The Kuomintang also started their schools. I played with the children of our extremely wealthy Chinese neighbor in Aparri, Cagayan, who were in the timber trade, my introduction to graft and corruption in the massive devastation of the virgin forests of the Cordilleras, the Caraballos, and the Sierra Madres. The younger Lims would later go to prestigious Catholic schools, and become Chinoys.

That's a long context to getting to China today.

A legal point is being raised locally that if the U.S. federal immigration has taken over jurisdiction of immigration in the CNMI, why is it illegal to travel between Rota and Guahan when one is not traversing international waters?

The reason this case caught our fancy is the fact that the leader of the attempt—who was recently sentenced to prison for trying—was an imprisoned veteran of the Tiananmen square rebellion, and is seeking political asylum in the United States but could not do it from Saipan. If he was eastern European, we'd pin him a medal, but he is Chinese and there is more than a tint of racism involved here. Not to mention the old bogey, economic defensiveness.

In the early part of this decade, I walked down Huangpu District, Puxi (Westside), Shanghai, before they dismantled the old Hutongs to make way for new edifices. Urban renewal was in vogue and the district is just across the river to Pudong (east of the river), the site of Shanghai Expo. A pencil face sketcher just concluded doing one for a customer and in a moment of self-consciousness, I considered him doing mine. Or, I was just being an old *Ilocano* cheapskate. I could not pass up the less than a U$ charge.

However, upon sitting on his stool, he abruptly gathered his materials as descending three male and a lady non-uniformed officers twisted his arm behind his back. I wanted to intervene but my host cautioned me not to get involved. It appears that countryside folks in China are forbidden to move into the urban centers without government permission, and this poor fellow, with all his talents that would do well in Greenwich Village, Manhattan, was being led to the police station for not being legally in the city!

The Three Gorges Dam was under construction in Chiang Jiang (the Yangtze River) at the time, and among the displaced population were those who resisted settlement in rural areas and preferred to move to urban centers. Government caution was understandable but not justifiable. However, this was China.

Shixu Huang is in the US of A now where we still love quoting Emma Lazarus' in her tribute to the Statue of Liberty (we also did in this page recently). The immigration debate, of course, has gotten extremely defensive and ugly, a mistaken political judgment that thinks national boundaries can stem the flow of commerce and trade.

For now, we have Zhonghua/Zhongguo (the China term meaning "center of civilization" that emerged from Shaanxi of the Khitans). A couple of factoids should be sobering: an American company recently opened the world's largest private solar R&D facility in Xian, China (site of Qin emperor Shi Huangdi's terra cotta soldiers), and the PC patent for IBM is now owned by Lenovo, a Chinese company, best selling PC maker for China, India and the world.

Time to get to know China of today. Why do you think pilot Ed Stephens is polishing his Putunghua, and Walt of this page tweaking his Fortram from Beijing, speaking Spanish to his *nushimen*?

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Pump up the volume

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I was wondering why so many people, especially younger ones, seemed to be yelling at me. Then I noticed that they've been yelling at each other, too. I finally figured it out: Youthful eardrums have been pummeled into mush with electronic noise.

The Commonwealth was an early adopter on this note. It's no different than the U.S. in this regard, but it was weird to see such a distant phenomenon get local legs so quickly. Retail stores pump up the volume; it keeps the clerks entertained, and chases away those pesky customers. Peaceful stretches of beach yield to boom-box vibes. Kids that "can't afford" textbooks can afford $200 woofers for their cars. There is no cubic meter of public space too hallowed for loud cell phone talkers. And MP3 player ear buds are jammed into many skulls.

I'm not complaining about it. But it's one of those little mysteries that bring out the wannabe scientist in me. Namely, why do people need constant noise? Wouldn't the imperatives of evolution steer us in the other direction?

I guess not. Drawing from experience from some of my less savory jobs and settings, I've seen a surprisingly large number of people who can absolutely, positively, not sit still in peace. Wake up to the clock radio, then the television goes on, then the commute to work is with the car stereo playing, then the ear buds go in at work, then the jukebox is fed after work, then it's dinner at home in front of the TV, and then it's back to sleep until the entire cycle begins anew in eight hours.

What's interesting is that common spaces have joined the party. The yuppie coffee houses in the states pump out whatever people who work in coffee houses like to play, at the volumes they like to play it, and when I'm traveling I avoid these scenes entirely despite the allure of free Wi-Fi. Down-scale restaurants are often festooned with flat screen TVs droning along. Even waiting rooms, barber shops, and department stores are part of the action now. It's as if nobody can stand to be alone with their own thoughts, not even for the briefest of moments.

It's the Detroit episode that really got me thinking about this. I once caught a flight from Narita to Detroit, but by the time I got to Detroit my plans were changed and I had to go to Kentucky. A co-worker met up with me in Detroit and we rented a car and headed south.

By the time we hit the Interstate, the other guy realized that the car's radio didn't work. He was really distressed by this, but we didn't have the time to return the car. So the guy started talking. And talking. About nothing. It's as if he was expelling words to fight off a deadly sound vacuum of some sort.

I guess my non-committal grunts of feigned interest got too sparse, or maybe they got too feigned, because he whipped out his cell phone and proceeded to call random people from his number list. He'd engage them in idle chatter until they managed to wriggle off the hook. Then he'd call somebody, anybody, else. He did this for about three hours, until the phone's battery finally went dead.

So he went back to talking. To me, that is.

Well, there are times when the best way to handle an annoying situation is to try to get some wisdom from it, or at least to try to engage it at a more abstract level. So I started pondering a theory that maybe some people go their entire waking lives without the peace of quiet. Then I wondered if somebody has done any experiments or studies to look into this. And, if so, have they correlated the propensity for noise with factors such as intelligence, or income, or other such things?

Now that high-tech is part of the gig, especially with those ubiquitous little ear buds, this psychological riddle is going to carry a physiological payload. An entire generation of people is going to be as deaf as Russet potatoes.

Fortunately, there is one solution: Pump up the volume. And when that doesn't do the trick, then pump it up some more. The side effect will be that as these guys get deafer and deafer, everything will get louder and louder for everybody else. It's wacky.

But look on the bright side: All trends hold opportunities. I'm going to start researching stock in hearing aid companies. And if this stuff is covered by health insurance, we're looking at a gold mine.

Letters to the Editor

Let it be known by all men…

To the House and Senate members: It is a shame that 38 members of our leadership cannot compromise for the good of the people. All of you were elected and re-elected for a reason and that is to bring prosperity to our homeland as promised during all your campaign efforts. Today we are faced with the reality that the government is broke and a shutdown is imminent. I may not agree with the drastic cuts and the political fiascos surrounding the budget but the right and only thing to do at this point is to support the full passage of the *House version* of the budget.

I applaud the Senate's efforts in protecting each and every government employees' financial standing but the reality of suffering will ultimately affect both sectors of our community—government and private alike—which are in fact hanging by a thread. The Senate's version of a revenue generating proposal to raise taxes at a time when our homeland is faced with economic chaos is unrealistic and irresponsible and without a financial analysis provided to support such a proposal, the intent is unreal and the majority must rule in favor supporting the *House version immediately*. I believe that all unessential employees would agree that our government is broke and there is no other positive proposed revenue generating bill other than the Speaker of the House Froilan Tenorio's casino bill.

Let me be clear that, although I disagree with the Speaker of the House concerning the operation of a casino on Saipan, we must take our chances. It has been said that it would take years before a casino is off and operating on Saipan, but we will never know unless we take that chance and remember that all of you our elected leaders have the power to slash the time frame in half or less to make this happen.

Therefore, move to pass the House version of the budget bill and place the casino bill before the people to vote for the last time. My dear people of the Commonwealth these are hard and painful choices to be made but we must all admit that we need to cut our losses and take our chances with a new beginning for the betterment of our homeland and our people as a whole. Stop the political games for our people's and our community's livelihoods rest on the tip of your pens.

Good luck to all of you and God bless our Commonwealth and our people.

Gregorio Cruz
Papago, Saipan

Recovery plan

If you do shut down the government, do you have a recovery plan for those employees who will be jobless come Oct. 1, 2010?

Do you have anything to say to us regarding why you came to a decision to shut down rather than lay off?

Congressman Kilili, the U.S. government provides welfare checks for the unemployed. Why can't the people of CNMI have that? Can you please check? Because food stamp is only for food, not for detergent, soap, cleaning materials, and gas money.

Another question, how much budget does food stamp has to accommodate all CNMI residents? Are schools ready to provide food for our children's school lunch and breakfast?

Does LEHEAP have enough budget to accommodate us?

How about housing for those families who are renting a house? Are there enough houses for free housing?

What about medical insurance?

One question I can't understand is how are you going to save when you shutdown? How does this plan work?

The last question is, you're only projecting the savings but what about the impact?

You need to have a shutdown plan, to prepare yourself for the outcome of your angry decision.

Do you have any explanation to the private sector too, who will be affected?

May God have mercy on you all!

Winnie Atalig
San Jose Tinian

Diploma mills

A recent Government Accountability Office report revealed that some for-profit universities are nothing more than diploma mills, such that former students of these universities are now filing class action lawsuits because of the accreditation flaws found in these universities. Recalling past news that comes to mind suggest that some highly qualified PSS teachers and administrators may have received their degrees from these diploma mills. This is something that the Board of Education should be concerned of. If public funds were used to take and complete courses from these questionable diploma mills, the Legislature's education committee should take an active role in this problem.

As a taxpayer, I would be registering my concern and interest in this as I expect that such educational pursuit and subsequent conferment of degree on paper should be of value and useful to competent authorities in PSS as this issue does have greater and deeper implications on the quality of teaching and soundness of achievement dealing with professional development and capacity of PSS' teaching cadre. If the degree conferred by any of these universities have greater value than the paper the degree is written on, then we should all just take it for what it is worth, greater than nothing. This also should require the BOE to impose on those responsible in PSS dealing with these type of issues to evaluate and make certain that proof of knowledge indeed are substantiated and have credible accreditation value.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Thoughts to ponder

There were several interesting articles in the local paper that we should take seriously. The content on two of the articles are interrelated.

One of the articles was a report from First Hawaiian Bank. According to the article, the First Hawaiian Bank economic analysis paints a bleak prospect for the CNMI. Several items such as the high shipping costs, the mandated increase in the minimum hourly wage and reduction in flights to the CNMI contribute to the bleak outlook.

The other article appears in the Opinion section of the local paper with the title *Placing prime on education*. This article talks about the specific effect of Article XII—inability to use an asset (land) to one's advantage.

While the First Hawaiian Bank's report mentioned several problem areas, Article XII I am sure is part of the problems. So long as we place restrictions such as Article XII, we will economically be depressed and left behind.

The reality is that we are a very, very small player in the world economy. Yet, we are impacted more than the big players. We do not have the volume in people or land size. After all, economy is all about people and its activities.

What we need to do is seriously look at the resources we have and how can we best make use of them. Let us begin with Article XII. Twenty-five years ago (actually 30 years ago), Article XII was perhaps a good thing to have because, as the section-by-section analysis of the Covenant and Constitution states, we were not educated enough as we needed time to mature as an independent and self-governing entity. In other words, we were a very young government. We did not have the capacity to deal with the world and thus we needed to be protected through Article XII.

Twenty-five years is a long time; actually a generation. One is expected to have graduated from college in that time frame or would have grown into a mature adult. I would think then that after 25 years, we are educated and thus we have the capacity to face the world.

So, are we after 25 years ready or are we as still not knowledgeable or capable to make decisions on our own? Is our land really ours? Unless we can dispose of it in our own way, it is not really our land. Article XII says we do not own our land as we can only dispose of it in a limited way.

The solution is to repeal Article XII in its entirety. We have the capacity to make our own decision on what is best for us. It is noteworthy to mention that *repealing* Article XII *does not mean you have to sell your land*. Removal of Article XII *gives us complete ownership* of our land without any restriction and thus, you can sell it to anyone if you want to or lease it to anyone if you want to. One also has the option to keep it and give it to whoever you want including your great, great, great grandkids that, under Article XII, will most likely not qualify for fee simple ownership of the your land as he or she will most likely be an offspring of a marriage involving non-NMD as we see now more and more. We are indeed impacted to a very, very large degree by an ever changing world.

Efrain F. Camacho
Navy Hill, Saipan

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

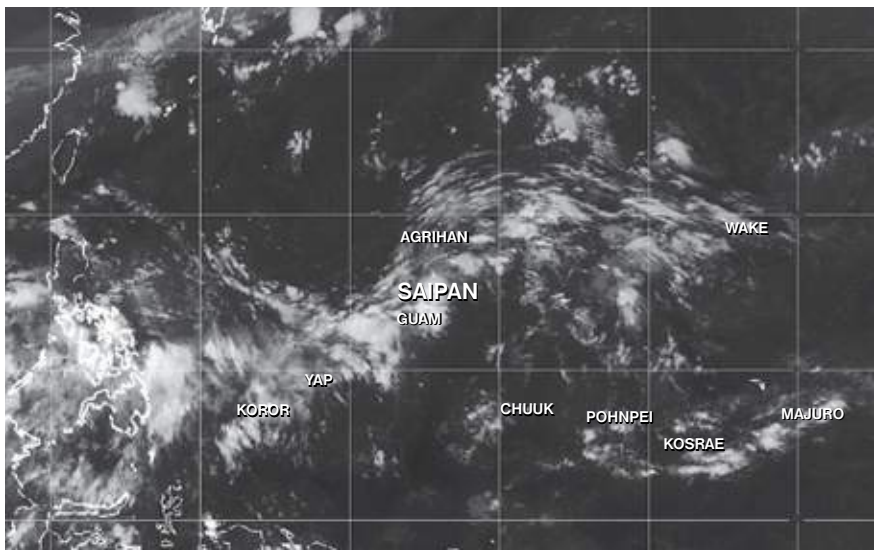
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Pohnpei	Partly Sunny	▲88	▼73
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼53
Beijing	Showers	▲65	▼49
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼71
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
London	Rain	▲60	▼54
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲70	▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
New York	Showers	▲72	▼530
Osaka	Showers	▲81	▼66
Paris	Showers	▲67	▼49
Pusan	Showers	▲76	▼67
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼57
Salem	Sunny	▲77	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼59
Seoul	Showers	▲72	▼61
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼66
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲75	▼54

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends eastward from an upper low centered near Iwo To island at 23N143E to another upper low centered northeast of Minami Torishima at 25N160E and continues southeastward to beyond 180 at 21N. Isolated thunderstorms are present near the trough over the northern tip of the CNMI, Minami Torishima but north of Wake island or north of a line from 20N141E to 20N161E to 22N168E. Divergent upper-level flow south of the trough is enhancing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Enewetak Atoll between 12N and 18N from 152E to 161E. A surface trough reaches northeastward from Mindanao through 13N130E to end north of Yap at 16N136E. Isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the trough between 14N and 19N from 130E to 135E. Converging winds south of the trough are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Yap but north of Koror within 75 miles of a line from 8N130E to 9N134E to 11N139E. Another surface trough runs northward from 6N145E to a weak circulation centered just southwest of Guam at 11N143E then turns northeastward to end at 18N147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near the trough over the southern Marianas and east of the CNMI within 115 miles of a line from 12N142E to 15N145E to 18N153E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:03 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
2:48 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
7:46 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Monday	6:07 AM	6:05 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:04 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:35 PM
Saturday	12:11 AM	1:28 PM
Sunday	1:11 AM	2:18 PM
Monday	2:11 AM	3:06 PM
Tuesday	3:12 AM	3:52 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA

DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily

NAGOYA-SAIPAN

DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Letters to the Editor

Happy birthday to my Army siblings

Today is her birthday and tomorrow is his. My youngest sister, Private First Class Christie Lyn Reyes Camacho, turns 19 years old today and my younger brother, Sgt. Michael James Reyes Camacho Jr., will be 22 years old tomorrow.

Michael and Christie both left for the Army fresh out of high school to seek betterment for their lives.

Christie, who is now stationed at her current tour of duty, South Korea, has just been promoted. She entered the Army as a Private in 2009. She had Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and graduated on top of her class in October 2009. She continued her Advanced Individual Training at Virginia, and is now pursuing her degree in Nursing.

Michael was also recently promoted. He enlisted as a PFC in 2006, graduated Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, then continued AIT at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Then came the most terrifying news to our family. Michael was to be deployed for the very first time. His destination: Tiqrit, Iraq. It was the home of the famous dictator, Saddam Hussein. He returned home safely within a year.

Two years later on December 2008 he received news that he had to be deployed again, this time for his second tour of duty to Camp Hammer, Iraq.

Michael James and Christie Lyn are the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael SN. and Evelyn R. Camacho of Dandan, Saipan.

Thank you, Un Dangkolu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase for risking your lives for us and the people of the CNMI.

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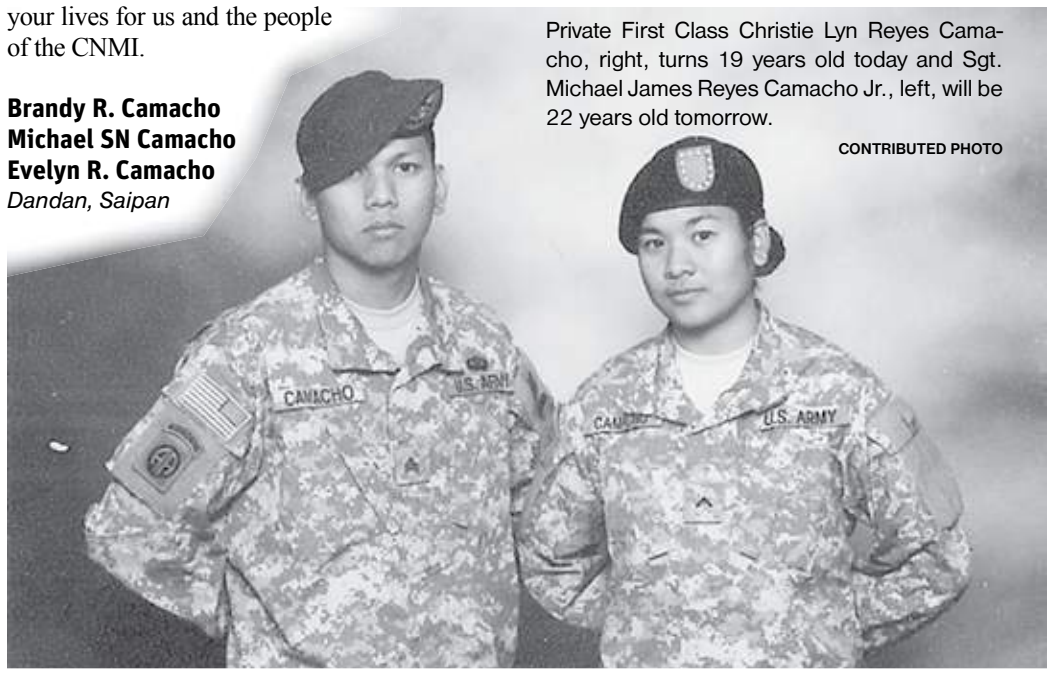

Private First Class Christie Lyn Reyes Camacho, right, turns 19 years old today and Sgt. Michael James Reyes Camacho Jr., left, will be 22 years old tomorrow.

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DREAM

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In the face of all this, it's gratifying to report that in most respects, the American experiment is alive and well. Yes, the strain shows—in incivility, in nativism, in howls of protest from those who have something to gain from disunity. But nothing has snapped, at least not beyond repair. (As one wag pointed out, nowadays "tarred and feathered" is just a phrase; it used to be real.)

With the glue of the dream holding at 50 percent, it's nothing to cheer about. And if that number falls further, it could pose as great a menace as any outside enemy. Which should lead us to believe that we must restore our inner core rather than fret about external threats.

Gregory Rodriguez is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times. *Readers may send him e-mail at grodriguez@latimescolumnists.com.*

Improper actions

The reason for the government shutdown and the salary reduction as well as the payless payday is because there are improper actions within the government system. Compromise and cooperation is needed in order for all of these unnecessary actions going on. I believe Senator Paul is truly right about what he mentioned in the media about "playing games." It is an embarrassment for all the people in the CNMI to know that those who aren't cooperating are just playing games as if the people's lives are games to be played. Just remember that those individual who are affected are going to suffer because there is no way for them to get their family to survive. Rethink this situation that's going on because it is a very serious matter. This is not a game. Straighten up and work for the people, fight for the people like the way the election is being fought for. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Abigail Manglona
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Workshop teaches how to make noni juice at home

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

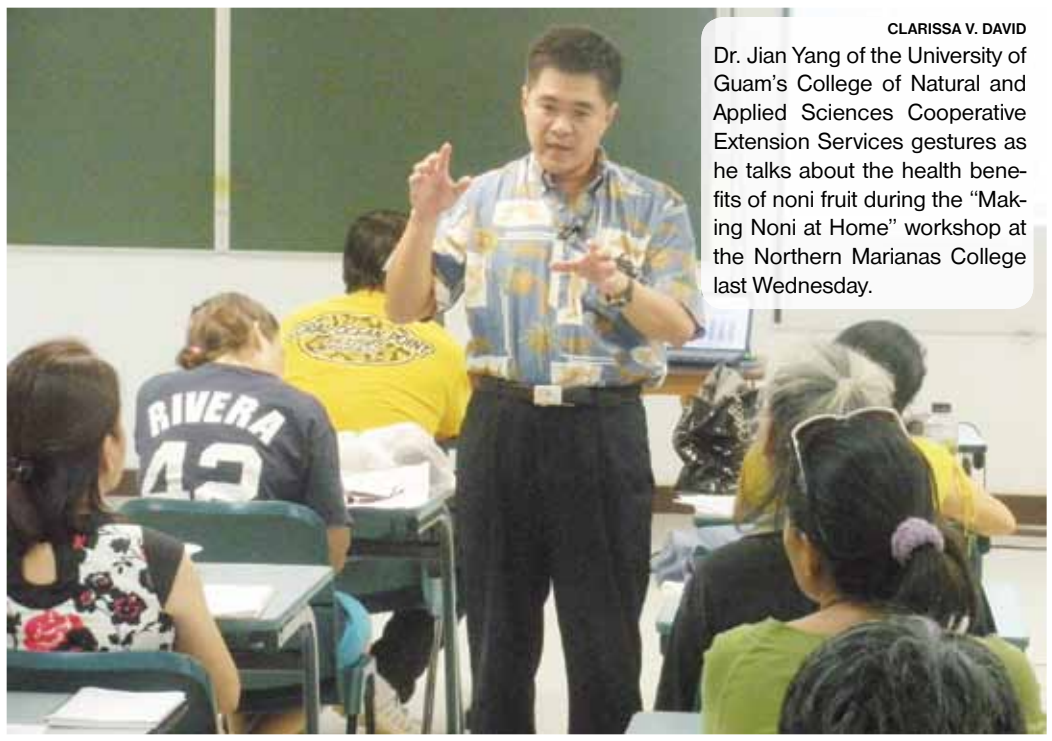
Anyone can enjoy the health benefits of the noni fruit by using a simple method of extracting its juice at home, according to an associate professor of food science.

Dr. Jian Yang of the University of Guam's College of Natural and Applied Sciences Cooperative Extension Services conducted the "Making Noni at Home" workshop at the Northern Marianas College on Sept. 29.

The workshop, organized by the NMC Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service, attracted about 50 participants and was also made available to NMC Rota through video conferencing.

"The key purpose of this workshop is to show how people can make noni juice at home," Yang told *Saipan Tribune*.

Noni, also called *Morinda citrifolia,* is a tropical plant that grows in the Pacific islands and has been traditionally used as folk medicine.



CLARISSA V. DAVID
Dr. Jian Yang of the University of Guam's College of Natural and Applied Sciences Cooperative Extension Services gestures as he talks about the health benefits of noni fruit during the "Making Noni at Home" workshop at the Northern Marianas College last Wednesday.

Yang said noni fruit contains phytochemicals, bioactive components, and key active components. Some of the health benefits of noni include respiratory disorders, diabetes, and high blood pressure.

According to Yang, noni even has four times the amount of vitamin C found in an orange fruit.

Anicia Tomokane said she learned about noni about four years ago from her daughter Franicia and husband Tim, who are based in Florida.

Tomokane said her daughter would let her children drink noni juice instead of medicine when they have fever and they would get better.

"When I drink the juice, I feel more energized and I can cope with stress," said Tomokane, who also encourages all her family members to drink the juice.

Anna Chan said she attended the workshop because she wanted to know how to make noni juice at home.

Chan, who grows noni fruit at home, said she started drinking noni juice only a month ago but she already feels better.

Yang said the traditional method of preparing noni juice is by means of a process called fermentation, which is time-consuming as it takes weeks before you can get the juice.

According to Yang, people can make use of this one-day method called freezing-juicing, which is more efficient.

Yang taught workshop participants about making your own fresh noni juice and gave a demonstration of the process.

Yang, who has been studying the noni fruit in Guam for six years now, said this is the first time that he conducted a workshop on Saipan.

He said he is looking at working with NMC-CREES to conduct more studies about the variety of noni fruit that grows in the CNMI.

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Rota lass graduates from Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Deanna Manibusan Manglona received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan on Friday, Sept. 24, 2010.

Manglona previously received her bachelor's degree in Economics from Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2007. She is also a graduate of Academy of Our Lady of Guam, and San Francisco de Borja Middle School on Rota.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School was ranked as one of the Top 20 Law Schools in the United States in 2008.

Deanna is the daughter of Senate President Paul and Lydia Manglona. ***(PR)***

Deanna M. Manglona, center, is flanked by her mom, Lydia M. Manglona, left, and her aunt Maria M. Sibetang.

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Litang passes nursing licensure exam

Another graduate of Emmanuel College has passed the national licensure examination for nurses on island, raising to 10 the total number of the school's graduates that have hurdled the exam.

Litang

Shirley P. Litang belongs to the first batch of graduates from the Emmanuel College of Vocational Nursing. She graduated in November 2008 after 11 months of rigorous classroom, hospital practice, and community service that went with the curriculum. She took the exam on Sept. 21 after juggling her review with the demands of her work and family life. To finally hear the magic words "you passed" from the Commonwealth of Board of Nurse Examiners was one of the happiest moments of her life, she said.

Litang is a single mother of two growing boys who are both in the Philippines. Her eldest is already a sophomore in nursing school while the youngest is a high school senior. She considers the nursing career a very noble and humane profession and would love to be in practice in the very near future.

An employee for the last 12 years of a construction company, HBR International, Inc., she is thankful to the management for the leniency of time that was extended to her during her schooling. She is also thankful for the inspiration of her family, the encouragement and kindness of health personnel during her practice at the Commonwealth Health Center, and to her nursing instructors Liz Untalan, Gayline Blau and Salome Castro.

Besides Litang, other successful examinees from the college included Sarah Jane Santos, Jian Teng, Xiao Hua Yuan, Cheng Huan, Leonora Angello, Li Li, Ana Victoria Ga, Paz Echavez, and Greg De Leon. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

Diagnostic Lab gets CDC contract for TB testing in Pacific territories

HONOLULU (AP)—Diagnostic Laboratory Services Inc. of Hawaii says it was recently awarded a contract by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue clinical lab testing for tuberculosis in the Pacific.

It said Tuesday that the five-year contract covers American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, Palau and Micronesia.

Diagnostic Laboratory says it will use a new type of molecular testing in an effort to reduce detection time from weeks to a couple of hours.

Diagnostic Laboratory's Dr. Matthew Bankowski says quick detection is vital for patients with a drug resistant TB strain.

The Only Choice public meetings

Cornerstone Christian Church is inviting everyone to The Only Choice public meetings, a family oriented event on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 1, 2, and 3, starting at 6:30pm. The event will be held at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The event's theme, "Choose Life" will emphasize life as the only reasonable choice. Questions about life after death, the meaning of life, and why choose life will be answered at the meetings.

Visitors will also enjoy many performances like hip-hop dancing, interpretational skits, music bands, and video presentations. They will also hear testimonies of people who have been changed from a life of hopelessness to a meaningful and purposeful life. There will also be children's program to accommodate young guests.

Refreshments will be served each night and some prizes will be given away during meetings.

For more information, contact Pastor Manuelito Rey at 235-8590, or check their website, www.cfemcares.org. ***(PR)***

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MTEC MEETING

The Marianas Tourism Education Council met on Sept. 23, 2010, at the Marianas Visitors Authority office to discuss upcoming events aimed at educating the public on the importance of the tourism industry. Joining MTEC president Ed Cho, seated center, and MTEC members were students and advisors of the Hopwood Jr. High School MY WAVE Club. MTEC discussed plans to encourage the growth of more MY WAVE Clubs in local schools. Also pictured are Hopwood Jr. High MY WAVE club advisers Frankie Angel, in white cap; Jenn Castro, seated at left; and Epiphanio Cabrera, Jr., standing back in black.

MVA

PATA Micronesia seeks more Northern Marianas members

The Pacific Asia Travel Association, or PATA, is seeking new members for its Micronesia chapter.

Founded in Honolulu in 1951, PATA is an international, nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to contribute to the growth, value and quality of travel and tourism to and within the Pacific-Asia area on behalf of its members. Today, PATA is a global organization, covering over one third of the globe and represented through dozens of regional and satellite chapters. The PATA Micronesia Chapter was established in 1986 as a result of increasing tourism interests within the region.

The mission statement of PATA Micronesia is "to assist in the development of our regional tourism industry with strategies that are environmentally sensitive, respect Micronesian cultures, adhere to high operational standards and provide opportunity for education, training and gainful employment among the resident populations of our Micronesian membership."

Currently, the Chapter consists of national tourist offices from the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Federated States of Micronesia, as well as industry members from throughout the Micronesia region.

PATA is offering a 50 percent discount on membership fees when 2011 membership is paid in full by Nov. 30, 2010. Membership costs range from $100 for individuals and non-profits up to $325 for government offices. The membership period runs from Jan. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2011. However, as part of the membership promotion, members will begin to receive benefits once payment is received on or before Nov. 30, 2010.

Benefits of membership include access to exclusive and valuable data, opportunities to showcase destinations and/or products, airline discounts on travel to tri-annual meetings and trade shows, training opportunities, and more.

The next PATA Micronesia tri-annual meeting is scheduled to take place on Guam and is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 29-30, 2010.

Additional information and applications are available at www.magnificentmicronesia.com or by e-mailing patamic@gmail.com, or contact Judy C. Torres at jtorres@mymarianas.com. ***(MVA)***

MVA welcomes new members

The Marianas Visitors Authority has launched its fiscal year 2011 membership drive, welcoming all returning members as well as inviting new businesses, agencies and individuals to actively participate in the Northern Marianas' top industry.

Membership is $100 annually and includes detailed visitor statistics each month; opportunities to join promotional events targeting Japan, Korea, and other markets; and the monthly MVA newsletter Tourism Insights with a wealth of topical business information.

"Members have the opportunity for more active involvement and collaboration in support of the Northern Marianas' sole economic driver while getting information that helps their business' bottom line," said MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres. "Also, while much industry information is publicly available on our website, there are specific benefits and statistical information to which members also have access, such as the opportunity to join the Marianas Visitors Authority in travel trade and consumer shows."

A sampling of fiscal year 2011 initiatives include new and continuing international promotions, the Tourism Master Plan update funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs, fresh marketing efforts in new source countries and redesign and redevelopment of the MVA English website.

For more information or application, contact John Palacios at 1.670.664.3210 or jpalacios@mymarianas.com. ***(MVA)***

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Gerardo Paguiligan, center, is G4S Security Services (CNMI) Inc.'s employee of the month for July 2010. He is shown here after being presented with his certificate of appreciation by G4S operations manager Moises K. Pangelinan and supervisor Roberto Pelegrino.

BAKE SALE NMC

Northern Marianas College students, faculty, and staff take time between class and work to buy treats and baked goods from the NMC Nursing Club Bake Sale. The bake sale was held Monday, Sept. 27, 2010, and was part of the NMC Nursing Club's efforts to raise funds to purchase supplies and materials for various community service activities focused on health awareness, such as free blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 6th birthday to our daughter, Leï'ane Esther Onuki, and may you have many, many more birthdays to come! We love you! Greetings come from mommy, daddy, Jaydon and Rylee.

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Happy birthday to Kevin Lee Austin Taitano Kapileo! May you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your wife.

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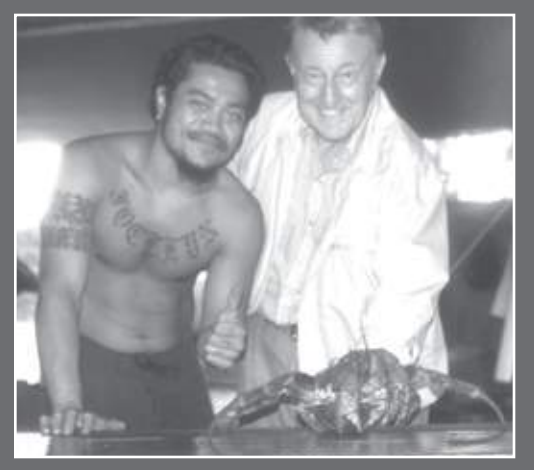

Happy birthday greetings going out to Naomi Keptot, who celebrates her birthday today, Friday, Oct. 1. May you be blessed with many more birthdays to come! Have a great and fabulous day! Love, your fambam and 2K12 crew.

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Happy happy birthday greetings going out to Renee Manibusan, who celebrates her birthday today, Oct. 1. Much love and hope for many, many more birthdays to come, from your entire fambam and posse.

Happy birthday greetings to Kerai Mario Olkeriil Kaipat! May you have many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from your two Zero Pagan crew.

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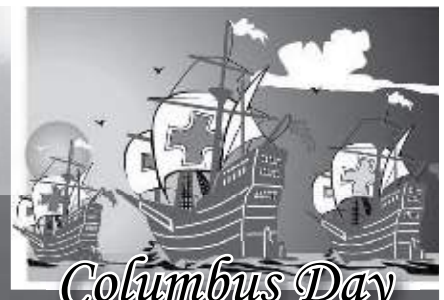

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Philadelphia Original Cream Cheese $2.99

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Coffee Mate 50 oz. $7.99

Folgers 33.9 oz. $9.99 3 days only (10/01 - 10/03) $10.99

Country Time Lemonade 2.33 Kg. $7.99

Tang 22 qts. $7.99

Lipton Ice Tea 4 oz. $6.99

Kool Aid 5 lbs. $7.99

Sunkist 1 Case Warm Only $6.99

Excellent Bihon 99¢

Whole Chicken Can 50 oz. $5.99

Chamorro Punch 2L $6.99

Real Fresh Milk (Reduced/Regular) $21.99/CASE 236 ml. $17.99

Filma Vegetable Oil 1 Gal. $9.99

Caprisun Drinks 177ml. $2.99/BOX

Coke Regular 24/Case Warm Only $12.99

Ritz Drink All Flavor (warm only) $11.99

Kool Aid Jammer 177ml. $2.99/BOX

Pepsi 330ml Warm Only $13.99/CASE All Flavors

Budweiser/Budlight 24/Case Warm Only $26.99 3 days only (10/01 - 10/03)

Korean Butane Gas Limit 1 Case 3 days only (10/01 - 10/03) $19.99/CASE

Foam Cups 51 cnts. $1.99

Bounty Basic 15 ROLLS $15.99 8 ROLLS $8.99

Bounty 15 Rolls $19.99

Foam Plates 125 ct. $7.99

Drypers Mega ALL SIZE $14.99

Spoon & Fork No Brand Name 100 cnts. $1.29

Horse Shampoo 1 qrt. 2 FOR $3.00

Bottled White Candle 12 pcs/case $13.99/CASE

Drypers (All Size) Mega Pack $14.99

Luvs Big Pack (All Size) $19.99

Charmin Basis 24 big rolls = 48 regular rolls $14.99

Diamond Foil 200 Sq. Ft. $7.99

FAMILY BAG SPECIAL

BEEF SHANK	$10.95	BEEF BACK RIBS	$7.95
FLANK STEAK	$16.95	BEEF OXTAIL	$16.95
PORK ADOBO	$10.95	BEEF STEW	$12.95
PORK CHOP	$11.95	RIBEYE STEAK	$17.95
PORK BELLY	$11.95	BEEF TOP ROUND STEAK	$14.95
STEWING CHICKEN	$6.95	SMOKED HAM STEAK	$12.95
TURKEY TAIL (FAMILY BAG)	$4.99	PORK BUTT	$10.95
U.S. CHOICE BEEF SHORTRIBS	$13.99		

NON-FOOD

SOFT 'N GENTLE (12 ROLLS)	$4.99
CHARMIN (24 ROLLS)	$8.99
GAIN POWDER (120 LOADS)	$19.95
GAIN LIQUID (300 OZ.)	$16.95
JOY ULTRA LEMON DISHWASHING LIQUID (90 OZ.)	$7.99
SUAVE SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER (15 OZ.)	2 FOR $3.00
PLATINUM NAPKIN (360 CTS)	$3.99

Business

Bernanke: Fed moves ahead on financial revamp

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve is working closely with other regulators to implement the biggest overhaul of financial rules since the Great Depression, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said Wednesday.

The law, signed by President Barack Obama in July, beefs up government oversight of Wall Street, provides stronger protections for consumers and gives the Fed and other regulators new powers to clamp down on risky financial practices. It's aimed at preventing another financial crisis like the one in 2007 to 2009 that plunged the country into a deep recession.

Bernanke provided the progress report in prepared testimony for a hearing Thursday at the Senate Banking Committee. The testimony was made available on Wednesday.

Specifically, the Fed is working with the Treasury Department to develop ways for regulators to best detect financial dangers that could hurt the economy. And, the Fed is helping Treasury identify companies that are so big and so interconnected that their failure could take down the entire financial system. Those companies—which are likely to include Wall Street firms, hedge funds and insurance companies—would be subject to tougher regulations.

At the same time, the Fed is transferring many of its consumer protection responsibilities to a new watchdog agency created by the law. The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection is housed within the Fed and bankrolled by the Fed, but Bernanke has no authority over it.

All told, the Fed has identified 250 projects associated with the law. A new position was created to coordinate all those projects, Bernanke said.

NAVFAC Marianas awards project to Pacific West Builders

APRA HARBOR, Guam— Naval Facilities Engineering Command Marianas awarded a $7.2 million firm-fixed price task order Sept. 30 to Pacific West Builders of National City, Calif., for the construction of a new military working dog facility to replace the existing facility located in Apra Harbor.

The award of this task order represents the first award by NAVFAC Marianas associated with the realignment of Marine Corps forces from Okinawa.

"This project is a key enabler to the Marine Corps relocation," said retired Maj. Gen. David Bice, executive director of the Joint Guam Program Office. "Relocating the Navy's working dog facility from its current location in Apra Harbor will allow construction to begin on improving the wharves and building other waterfront activities needed to support the Marines' amphibious ship pier-side requirements on Guam."

The work includes construction of a new military working dog facility that will provide kennels to accommodate military working dogs, their handlers and associated support facilities. The project further includes site components and associated site improvements to support the new facility including an outdoor obedience course, exercise and break area.

Conrad to keynote 10th PRIC

The 10th Pacific Region Investment Conference will be held in Manila, Philippines on Oct. 14 and 15.

Casey Research' chief economist Bud Conrad is this year's keynote speaker. Conrad, a futures investor for 25 years, is a board member of the National Association for Business Economics and a professor of graduate courses in investing at Golden Gate University.

He is a frequently sought after commentator at Fox Business News giving his views and opinion about the state of the current market around the world.

At the PRIC, he will speak about the "The Eye of the Storm," which will surely put participants ahead as a fiduciary.

For more information about the 10th Pacific Region Investment Conference, visit www.apafs.org or email APAFS.PRIC@brandspeakasia.com. ***(PR)***

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Calif. set to enter fourth month without a budget

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders went a second day Wednesday without meeting about the state's tardy budget as California begins jeopardizing public works projects and contemplates issuing IOUs again to people owed tax refunds. The top lawmakers from the Assembly and Senate planned to meet with Schwarzenegger no sooner than Thursday, the last day of the fiscal year's first quarter. They had no top-level meetings Tuesday or Wednesday to resolve the state's $19 billion budget deficit, after saying last week they had reached the "framework" of a deal and just needed to hammer out a few details. Aides to the governor and legislators said the leaders cannot agree on rolling back public employee pension benefits.

China targeted in bill on currency manipulation

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House has approved legislation that would allow the U.S. to seek trade sanctions against China and other nations for manipulating their currency to gain trade advantages. The 348-79 vote Wednesday sends the measure to the Senate, where its prospects are unclear. Senate supporters hope to get a vote on a similar proposal after Congress returns following the November congressional elections. Supporters said the bill would allow the Obama administration to pressure China on an issue that they say has led to the loss of more than 2 million manufacturing jobs in the U.S. over the past decade.

J&J CEO says company 'let the public down'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The chief executive of Johnson and Johnson will tell Congress his company "let the public down" with a string of quality problems that have resulted in millions of recalled medicines. William Weldon is scheduled to testify Thursday morning before a House panel investigating the company's unprecedented succession of recalls. The maker of trusted brands like Tylenol, J&J has announced nine product recalls since last September, with problems ranging from contamination with bacteria to tiny metal shards. In prepared testimony obtained by The Associated press, Weldon also suggests the company made a serious mistake last year when it hired contractors to buy up bottles of defective lots of Motrin, rather than issuing a formal recall. The pills in question did not dissolve correctly.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 08-0349-CV
vs.	SECOND NOTICE OF SALE
JESUS S. BARCINAS, Defendant.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on May 14, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in the following property.

1) Lot EA 120-2, located in As Falipe, Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 2,165 square meters, more or less; and

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on October 22, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 9695, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
3. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 13th day of September, 2010.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Program Year	Activity No.	Activity Type	Activity Name	Activity Status	Amount from program	Reprogram to
2004	238	Public Facilities	Rota Baseball/ Softball Field	Completed	$35,082.00	
2004	306	Public Facilities	Tinian Public Library Public Service	Completed	$22,983.46	
2006	323	Public Facilities	Northern Marianas Islands-Japan Cultural Center	Completed	$21,170.57	
2006	327	Public Facilities	Tinian Amphitheater Phase II	Completed	$215.64	
2006	343	Public Services	Marianas High School Public Services	Completed	$0.15	
2006	344	Public Services	Tinian Elementary School Public Services	Completed	$14.00	
2006	345	Public Facilities	One Million Gallon Water Reservoir Rehabilitation	Completed	$69,091.74	
2006	347	Public Facilities	Susupe Sports Complex	Completed	$13,012.99	
2007	337	Public Facilities	Marianas High School Building J	Completed	$45,000.00	
2004/2006/2007		Public Facilities	Major Rehabilitation of the Susupe Sports Complex Gymnasium	New		$206,570.55
Total					$206,570.55	$206,570.55

The public is invited to provide written and oral comments on the proposed reprogramming. Written comments will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., October 11, 2010, at the main office in Garapan, Post Office Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950. Oral comments may be relayed to Zenie P. Mafnas at telephone number (670) 234-7670, 6866, 7689, or 9447. Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations to submit comments may also contact Jeannie P. Mafnas at the telephone numbers above for assistance.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Special Meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) Conference Room, Gualo Rai, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
   a. August 4, 2010 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
III. MORTGAGE CREDIT PROGRAM
   a. BankPacific Guarantee
   b. RD Defaulted Loans
   c. DF Financing Amendment
IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS
V. FISCAL AFFAIRS
   a. OPA 1% Funding
   b. NMHC Bank Signatories
VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VII. OTHER MATTERS
   a. Legal Contracts
   b. NMC CREES Request for Annex Unit
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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Nation

Woman pleads not guilty in Wash. in acid hoax case

AP

Bethany Storro who falsely claimed a stranger threw acid in her face, walks to her court appearance in Vancouver, Wash., Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Her face red and blotchy, the woman who splashed acid in her face in what was a bizarre hoax made a brief court appearance Wednesday and was ordered by a judge to live in a mental health facility while she awaits trial.

Bethany Storro, 28, has confessed that she made up the story about the facial burns she suffered Aug. 30, saying she put drain cleaner on her face trying to kill herself or alter her appearance, according to police. She pleaded not guilty Wednesday to three theft counts.

The case drew national attention to the recently divorced woman who works for a grocery chain, and brought in nearly $28,000 in donations to help with medical bills.

The donations are now at the center of Storro's criminal trial, which is scheduled for Dec. 20. Court records show Storro spent about $1,500 of the donations on such things as dinners for her parents, clothes for herself and a bill for an August laser facial peel.

The accounts containing the donations have been frozen and her parents have said the money will be returned.

The hearing was the first time Storro had been in public since a hospital press conference Sept. 1 when her head was covered with bandaging. Her face had large red blotches Wednesday, but was significantly less swollen than her last public appearance.

Storro spoke two words during her brief appearance, answering "yes" when Judge John Nichols asked her whether she understood the charges and whether she was pleading not guilty.

Storro was followed by cameras and reporters after leaving the courtroom. She walked about 40 feet from the courthouse complex to a waiting car and didn't respond to a barrage of questions from journalists.

Nichols ordered Storro to live at the Elahan Place mental health facility in Vancouver, Wash., until her trial.

A spokeswoman for Elahan Place described it as a 24-hour residential community. As a resident, Storro would be required to participate in therapy sessions and clean her room. The spokeswoman, Pat Stryker, declined to speak specifically about Storro's case.

Congress punts tough choice until after election

WASHINGTON (AP)—A deeply unpopular Congress is bolting for the campaign trail without finishing its most basic job—approving a budget for the government year that begins on Friday. Lawmakers also are postponing a major fight over taxes, two embarrassing ethics cases and other political hot potatoes until angry and frustrated voters render their verdict in the Nov. 2 elections.

As Congress moved toward a messy end to a session fraught with partisan fire, President Barack Obama campaigned for Democrats in Iowa and Virginia, accusing Republicans of being dishonest about what needs to be done to revive the economy and restore middle-class dreams.

With their House and Senate majorities on the line, Democratic leaders called off votes and even debates on all controversial matters.

"It would be one thing if you have a chance to pass something, then by all means have a vote," Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., said Wednesday. "But it was pretty clear that it was going to be mutually assured destruction."

One foot out the door, the House and Senate convened just long enough to vote on a "continuing resolution," a stopgap measure to keep the government in operating funds for the next two months and avoid a pre-election federal shutdown.

ACROSS THE NATION

Pastor accuser: Sex encounters on church grounds

ATLANTA (AP)—One of four men accusing megachurch Bishop Eddie Long of coercing them into inappropriate sexual relationships says that he and the pastor would have encounters before and after services on church grounds. Jamal Parris told WAGA-TV in Atlanta that they engaged in sexual acts at Long's home, in his car and his office at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church. Parris made similar claims in a lawsuit last week. Also Wednesday, Spencer LeGrande told WSB-TV in Atlanta that he has been free since filing a lawsuit against Long. He says he has no hate for anyone and is praying for Long.

Whitman denies she knew housekeeper was illegal

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman employed an illegal immigrant Mexican housekeeper for years even though the federal government alerted her in 2003 to the maid's dubious legal status, the worker and her attorney claimed. The Republican Whitman—who on the campaign trail has called for tougher sanctions against employers who hire illegal workers—said the allegations amounted to a baseless stunt. She said she was not aware the housekeeper, Nicky Diaz Santillan, was in the U.S. illegally until the woman volunteered the information in 2009, after which Whitman fired her. In all, the woman worked for the Whitman family for nine years, making $23 an hour.

Remote Hawaii atoll corals suffer some bleaching

HONOLULU (AP)—Corals at remote atolls northwest of the main Hawaiian islands suffered some bleaching this summer as ocean temperatures rose to higher than normal levels for a couple of weeks. Corals expel the algae they rely on to survive when the ocean becomes too hot. This makes them appear white. Thirty percent of the Kure atoll reef and one-fifth of the Pearl and Hermes atoll reef bleached. But corals were spared the large-scale mass bleaching observed in Indonesia and other parts of Southeast Asia this year.

Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Mariana
Ofisinan I Gubietno
Dipåttamenton I Tano' Pupbliku

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 027 E 02, containing an area of approximately 4,530 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The lessee is JL Reyes Incorporated, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, and Leticia D. Reyes.

The President of the Corporation is Juan S. Reyes. The Vice President is Dolores R. Tudela. The Treasurer/Secretary is Leticia D. Reyes.

iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Juan S. Reyes.

iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating the business of general contracting, construction, offices, materials/supply warehouse, and activities related thereto.

The term of the lease agreement extension is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the properties.

v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public lands in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before October 14, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NOTISIA POT MAPROPONEN EKSTENSION INATKILAN TANO´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi halom i Seksiona 106 (a) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku guini na ha nå´i notisia i intension-ña para u rekumenda i ekstension ma'atkilan i pumalu na tano´ pupbliku siha gi halom Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan Na Islan Marianas Siha. Este na ekstension atkilon sinuhetu ni para u inapreba ni Lihislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha sigun ni mamånda huyong gi Attikulu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halom i pupbliku heneråt siña manna´hålom infotmasion, opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen propositu siha para i inatkilan tano´ pupbliku. Komu mås mapribeniyi ginen i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, ni tinattitiyi ni pettanesen infotmasion ni dinimånda na para u mapupblika

i. I ma´atkilan tåno´ pupbliku madeskribi komu Lot No. 027 E 02, ni kinensisiste i åria gi kåsi propiu 4,530 square meters, potlumenus mås, ni gaige giya Lower Base, Saipan. i kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaige na gumuaha gi Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku Siha para i rikonosimento.

ii. I manatkikila si JL Reyes Incorporated, i Corportion. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Corporation si Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, yan si Leticia D. Reyes.

I Presidenten i Corporation si Juan S. Reyes. I Sigundo Presidente si Dolores R. Tudela I Tresurårio / Sekritåria si Leticia D. Reyes..

iii. I maproponen ekstension atkilon manigosio gi as Siñot Juan S. Reyes..

iv. I manatkikila debi na u usa i lugåt siha uniku para i rason i manmaneha bisnes gi general contracting, konstraksion, ofisina siha, materiåt/supply na warehouse, yan i mana'achule' n aktibidåt siha.

I teman kontråtan inekstenden atkilon sa´ (15) åños.

I maproponen atkilon kada såkkan gi durånten i tema sigun gi percentage gi ma'estima gi fair market value gi propiedåt, inengklulusu i tumatachu na estrokto siha.

v. I kopian i maproponen kontråtan ekstension atkilon siha siña machule´ gi ofisian Dipattamenton Tåno´ Pupbliku Siha, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; i sigundo bibienda gi Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; pat i primet bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha ha risibi tåya´ na tinahguen propositu siha para atkila i suheto i tano´ pupbliku giya Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårion i Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha debi na uma´aksepta i tinige´ infetmasion, opiñon, testamonion kinentra pat tinahguen propositu siha ginen i maninteresão na pattida siha gi pat åntes di Oktubre 14, 2010 gi Ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha ni manggaige giya Saipan, Rota pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwlil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Akkilon yeel nge ebwe mwir sangi alughulughul Sow Ffeerul Allegh mellol Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands iye e alléghewow mellól Article XI, Tálil 5(c) mellól Allégh Lapalap Northern Mariana Islands. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer nge rebwe isisilong aghiyghiir, awewee, aingiingil reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap mebwal Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, e ayoora, lamal awewee kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No.027 E 02, faawu sangaras limeigh me eliigh llapal (4, 530 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipél Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fischiy.

ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge JL Reyes Incorporated, CNMI Corporation. Mwiischil samwool kkey (Directors) mellól Corporation nge Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, me Leticia D. Reyes.

Samwoolul Corporation nge Juan S. Reyes. Arúscheyil Samwool nge
Dolores R. Tudela. Treasurer/Secretary nge Leticia D. Reyes

iii. Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Mr. Juan S. Reyes.

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe yááli bwuley me mwóghut ágheli bisinisil pwol (contracting), construction, offices, peiraghil warehouse, me akkááw mwóghutul.

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years)

Pomwol akkilon ye llól alongal ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw (value of the property).

v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llol Tuturam, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipel.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal Ottuubre (October) 14, 2010 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, Tchúlúyól.

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

China's media say 3 Japanese freed, 1 still held

BEIJING (AP)—China's Xinhua News Agency says three Japanese detained after allegedly intruding on a Chinese military zone have been released, but one person is still being held. Xinhua says the three were released Thursday after admitting to violating Chinese law, but the fourth, identified as Sada Takahashi, is being investigated for illegally videotaping military targets. The detention of the four comes amid a bitter territorial dispute between the countries triggered by a Sept. 7 collision between a Chinese fishing trawler and two Japanese patrol boats near disputed islands in the East China Sea.

Indonesia mulls moving its bursting capital

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia's president has a solution for the country's overcrowded, gridlocked and flood-prone capital: Move it. "If we're honest, objective, Jakarta is no longer ideal," says Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who has dispatched teams as far off as the jungle-clad island of Borneo to look for alternative sites. Past proposals to relocate the capital, a project that could cost this developing nation as much as $11 billion, have gone nowhere, and this one may well meet a similar fate. What is clear, experts say, is that something needs to be done before the city of 10 million bursts at the seams.

Singapore's elder Lee hospitalized with infection

SINGAPORE (AP)—Former Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew was hospitalized Wednesday with a chest infection, a news report said. The 87-year-old Lee was admitted to Singapore General Hospital late in the day, Channel NewsAsia reported, citing Lee's press secretary, Yeong Yoon Ying. No details were given as to Lee's condition. Calls to Yeong rang unanswered Wednesday. Lee is currently a senior adviser in the Cabinet of his son, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. He was Singapore's first prime minister from independence in 1965 to 1990 and is regarded as the driving influence behind the city-state's development.

NKorea unlikely to alter strategy toward world

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea's ailing leader Kim Jong Il has laid the groundwork for a transition of power to his youngest son but it remains to be seen if the reclusive nuclear-armed regime will soften its combative stance toward the international community.

The impoverished nation has long used both carrots and sticks to get what it wants: offering dialogue and promises to dismantle its nuclear program to get aid, and when it runs into resistance, conducting missile and atomic tests and threatening to destroy rival South Korea.

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North and South Korea began their first working-level military talks in two years Thursday, Seoul's Defense Ministry said, as Pyongyang vowed to strengthen its nuclear deterrent in response to what it called U.S. threats.

Officers from the two sides met in the truce village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the peninsula, the ministry said. They last held such talks in October 2008.

At the United Nations, North Korea's Vice Foreign Minister Pak Kil Yon said Wednesday that Pyongyang would continue to expand its nuclear arsenal in order to deter what it perceives as American and South Korean aggression in the region.

"As long as the U.S. nuclear aircraft carriers sail around the seas of our country, our nuclear deterrent can never be abandoned but should be strengthened further," Pak said.

AP

North Korean soldiers march at the truce village of Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) that separates the two Koreas since the Korean War, north of Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

NATO confirms senior al-Qaida commander killed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A NATO airstrike killed a senior al-Qaida commander in eastern Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday, as Pakistan investigated reports that a separate CIA drone-launched missile killed the insurgents' No. 3 commander.

The attacks could be a serious blow to the terrorist network's capabilities in the region, and come as the U.S. has escalated strikes by unmanned drones in Pakistan's volatile border region in an effort to disrupt suspected terror plots in Europe, a Western counterterrorism official said in Washington.

It wasn't known whether the drone attacks were related specifically to a terror plot against Britain, France and Germany that European authorities said they intercepted. The Eiffel Tower was briefly evacuated Tuesday evening after officials received a telephoned bomb threat.

NATO said the airstrike in eastern Afghanistan killed several militants, including Abdallah Umar al-Qurayshi, a senior al-Qaida commander of Saudi origin who coordinated attacks by Arab fighters in Kunar and Nuristan provinces near the Pakistani border. NATO said an air weapons team went in after the strike and confirmed that the targeted structure was destroyed.

Pakistani security officials, meanwhile, said they were investigating reports that a missile strike from a CIA drone killed Sheikh Fateh al-Masri as he traveled in a tribal region near the border. Al-Masri is believed to have replaced Mustafa al-Yazid, who was killed in a missile strike in May, as the group's No. 3 commander.

The United States is believed to have launched 21 drone attacks into northwestern Pakistan this month, more than double the number in any previous month.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Board of Parole, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", Notice hereby given that a Preliminary Hearing is scheduled for **October 6, 2010, (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m., at the CNMI Board of Parole Office, Capitol Hill Road, Building Number 1216,** Saipan. The following individual(s) will appear before the Hearing Examiner:

A. Parolee
GUERRERO, Ignacio M. Jr.
Cr. Cs. No.: 07-0100B
BOP No.: 09-RA-002

/s/ Rose Ada Hocog
Hearing Examiner

World

30 Gulf cartel suspects captured in north Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexican marines captured 30 suspected Gulf cartel members and seized an arsenal of weapons during two days of raids in a northern border state torn by drug gang battles, officials announced Wednesday.

The marines, acting on intelligence obtained by the navy and other agencies, conducted the raids in Matamoros and Reynosa, two cities across the border from Texas in the state of Tamaulipas, Rear Adm. Jose Luis Vergara said.

The troops seized more than 50 guns, two shoulder-fired rocket launchers, 21 grenades and ammunition.

The 30 suspects, including one woman, were paraded before reporters at an air base in Mexico City, handcuffed and flanked by masked marines in black-and-white combat gear. They were lined up in front of a helicopter, the arsenal of weapons laid out in front of them.

Despite the display, the navy gave no indication of how significant the arrests were in the government's efforts to destroy the Gulf cartel, which is waging a bloody turf war in Tamaulipas with its former ally, the Zetas gang of hit men.

Vergara said all 30 are believed to belong to the Gulf cartel but gave no details on their alleged roles in the gang. He took no questions.

Parading drug suspects in front of the media is a near-weekly ritual in Mexico that has come under increasing criticism from human rights groups.

Last week, opposition politicians grilled Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna about the practice during a congressional hearing, calling it propaganda meant to deflect the public's concerns over the power of drug gangs.

According to a report President Felipe Calderon gave to Congress this month, just 12 percent of criminal investigations under his administration have ended in convictions. Government figures obtained by The Associated Press earlier this year show that three-quarters of the drug suspects arrested since Calderon took office in late 2006 have been freed.

Drug-gang violence has claimed 28,000 lives since December 2006, when Calderon deployed thousands of troops and federal police seeking to wrest territory from the drug lords.

Since the split between the Gulf and Zetas gangs this year, Tamaulipas and neighboring Nuevo Leon state have seen some of the most horrific attacks, including the assassination of a gubernatorial candidate and several mayors and the August massacre of 72 migrants.

In the latest violence, attackers threw an explosive at city hall in Matamoros early Wednesday, injuring three people, the federal Attorney General's Office said.

Anti-austerity protests sweep across Europe

BRUSSELS (AP)—Tens of thousands of workers marched Wednesday through the streets of Europe, decrying the loss of jobs and benefits they fear will come with stinging austerity measures seeking to contain government debt.

Police fired shots in the air to disperse protesters at a general strike in Spain. Greek bus and trolley drivers walked off the job, joined by doctors who staged a 24-hour strike at state hospitals. Unions claimed a crowd of 100,000 marched on European Union headquarters in Brussels.

From Ireland to Greece, workers united around the theme that they are victims of a debt crisis caused by reckless high-spending bankers undermining Europe's cherished welfare state. They complained of higher taxes, job cuts, soaring unemployment and smaller pensions.

"We are protesting mainly for our children, because they're not here—they are out looking for jobs," said Emilio Martella, a 62-year-old retiree demonstrating with 2,000 others in Rome.

Italian public school teachers with temporary contracts didn't get them extended, and parents have complained that class sizes are getting bigger under the cuts.

Like Italy, many nations are raising, or considering to raise, the pension age, fearing there won't be any money left to pay retirees in the future.

France's conservative government is moving through the legislature a controversial plan to increase the retirement age from 65 to 67, which officials say would save nearly euro19 billion ($25.9 billion) in 2018 and bring the pension system back into the black that year.

Countries including Greece and Spain have cut workers' pay, and across the continent governments have trimmed benefits that have long been generous by American standards. Unemployment benefits were cut from four years to two in Denmark, Germany trimmed support for the long-term jobless and new parents who stay home, and Spain and England dropped bonuses to families for having babies.

In Dublin, police arrested a man who blocked the entrance to the Irish parliament with a cement truck painted with the blood red slogans "Toxic Bank" and "All politicians should be sacked." The Anglo Irish Bank, which was nationalized last year to save it from collapse, owes some euro72 billion ($97 billion) to depositors worldwide.

2 known dead, 12 missing after storm soaks Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—Tropical Storm Nicole caused flooding and mudslides across Jamaica on Wednesday, leaving two confirmed dead and at least 12 more missing, even as the drenching system moved north and dissipated over the Florida straits.

The outer bands of the storm hammered Jamaica, toppling bridges and knocking out power to thousands. Many streets were filled with gushing brown torrents of water, prompting Prime Minister Bruce Golding to urge people to stay indoors.

Floodwaters battered squatter communities perched uneasily on the slopes of gullies that crisscross the sprawling capital of Kingston. One slide killed a 14-year-old boy, known to his neighbors as Buju, who was found in an eddy of muddy water. The rest of his family—including four sisters, the youngest just 3-years-old—had not been found by Wednesday evening.

"He was a fun boy. He loved to sing, he loved to play football. It's not right, the whole family lost," said Munchie Fuller, a 23-year-old neighbor who watched terrified as a chunk of her own concrete house in Sandy Gully was swept into the raging waters before dawn.

Another resident, Lyndon Bennett, said the people in the shantytown who live along the gully are warned repeatedly to move for their own safety but most refuse to relocate.

"There's not a proper foundation there, the gully is just stone and dirt. People are told not to live there, but when you've got no other options you've just got to make ends meet. It's a real tragedy," Bennett said.

The storm, which had sustained winds of 40 mph (65 kph) earlier in the day, broke apart over the Atlantic, though the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami warned that there were still large areas of heavy rain.

Jamaican Information Minister Daryl Vaz said two people were confirmed dead but warned that the toll could be higher from the flash floods and mudslides. He said 12 people were missing.

WORLD BRIEFS

Terror plot in Europe prompted drone strikes

LONDON (AP)—Police increased their guard around Buckingham Palace and other landmarks Wednesday as security officials monitored what they described as a fledgling terror plot to wage Mumbai-style shooting sprees or other attacks on Britain, France or Germany. At least some of the recent CIA strikes in Pakistan were aimed at al-Qaida operatives suspected in the plot, U.S. officials said. European officials said the plot was still in its early stages and not considered serious enough to raise the terror threat level. Still, the Eiffel Tower in Paris was briefly evacuated Tuesday—the second time in two weeks because of an unspecified threat—and French police were on alert. A heavy police presence was seen Wednesday around Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Big Ben. Victoria Station was briefly evacuated after an unusual smell was reported.

US general: Iraq political limbo fuels violence

BAGHDAD (AP)—The top U.S. commander for Baghdad warned Wednesday that Iraq's prolonged political crisis has encouraged militants to step up attacks and left civilians so frustrated they could be holding back crucial tips on suspected insurgent cells. The assessment by U.S. Brig. Gen. Rob Baker is the most direct link by American military brass between Iraq's nearly seven-month impasse on forming a government and a recent spike in violence that has included rocket strikes blamed on Shiite militias and targeted killings by suspected Sunni hit squads against security officials and government workers. Baker's comments also boost U.S. pressure on Iraqi political leaders to finally pull together after March elections, which were narrowly won by a Sunni-backed coalition but without enough parliament seats to push aside the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki—who seeks to hold on to power.

Mexico: Landslide in another town kills 12 people

OAXACA, Mexico (AP)—Rescue efforts resumed Wednesday for 11 people missing after a huge hillside collapsed on a town in Mexico's rain-soaked southern state of Oaxaca, while a landslide in a neighboring state killed a dozen people. The government delivered blankets and other supplies to survivors and other who fled their unstable homes for fear of more mudslides in Santa Maria de Tlahuitoltepec. Many sheltered under makeshift tents on the hills. The landslide early Tuesday caused nationwide alarm after local authorities initially said hundreds could be dead in the remote town, which had been blocked off by slides and a washed-out bridge.

WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Off The Wall

Oh look, there's a mouse in my bread

LONDON (AP)—It was hard to explain, that dead mouse baked into a loaf of bread. British officials have released the photo that proved that Stephen Forse wasn't kidding when he claimed to find the wee creature while making sandwiches for his children.

Forse, who bought the bread from a supermarket in 2009, said Monday he first thought a dark spot in the bread—branded Best of Both—was some poorly mixed dough.

Then he noticed it had fur.

The case wound up in court. Premier Foods pleaded guilty to violating health laws, and was fined 16,821 pounds ($26,470) on Friday.

Forse says his gruesome discovery made him feel ill, and he felt sick again when health officers noted that the mouse's tail was missing, perhaps already eaten in a sandwich.

AP

This is an undated handout photo issued Tuesday Sept. 28, 2010 by Cherwell District Council, near Oxford England of a mouse in a loaf of Hovis bread bought by Stephen Forse, from Kidlington, England purchased online from Tesco supermarkets, through a store in Bicester, in January 2009.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Police: Judge hands out condoms hidden in acorns

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Police said a district judge from Intercourse, Pa., hid condoms inside acorns and handed them out to women in the state Capitol complex last week. A summary charge of disorderly conduct was filed Tuesday against Isaac H. Stoltzfus, who presides over low-level cases as a district judge in Lancaster County. The citation from Capitol Police said the 58-year-old jurist gave the acorns to unsuspecting women, who were offended when they discovered the contents.

Denver firefighters battle flames, fleeing bedbugs

DENVER (AP)—Denver firefighters ran into more than the normal hazards at a house fire. Crews responding to the blaze Wednesday also had to battle bedbugs, the bloodsucking insects quickly becoming the scourge of households and businesses across the country. Lt. Phil Champagne of the Denver Fire Department tells The Denver Post that firefighters had to be decontaminated after going into an attic where items were infested with bedbugs. The bugs scurried away from the flames and latched on to firefighters' equipment and gear. Some of the gear had to bagged so the bugs wouldn't get a free ride to the firehouse. There were no injuries, but the home was declared uninhabitable.

Troubled W. Pa. city lays off 9, plus police dog

JEANNETTE, Pa. (AP)—The financial situation is so bad in one western Pennsylvania city that even its police dog has been laid off. Jeannette City Council on Tuesday voted to lay off nine workers of the city's 47 workers effective Oct. 5. They include three of the city's 12 police, including Officer Justin Scalzo who handles the city's drug-sniffing dog, Wando. Police Chief Brad Shepler said the layoffs come at a time when the city is seeing a boom in drug trafficking. Shepler's department is also losing its two meter maids and a secretary. The other layoffs involved trash collectors and public works employees. The city has a projected $440,000 budget shortfall. Some of the workers could be called back if finances improve.

Man to spend Christmas in jail for next 5 years

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP)—A judge running for the state Supreme Court has given a man accused of assaulting a woman a sentence with an unusual twist. District Court Judge Nels Swandal gave Daniel Martz a 10-year suspended sentence on Monday for a May 2009 attack in which Martz allegedly choked and hit a woman, and then tried to have her change her story. Swandal also ordered Martz to report to jail each Dec. 15 through Jan. 1 for the next five years, according to the Livingston Enterprise. Swandal said incarcerating Martz around the holidays will keep him out of trouble. Park County Attorney Brett Linneweber said Martz's arrest record shows he has gotten into trouble before during holidays. Swandal is running against Helena attorney Beth Baker to fill the seat of retiring Justice William Leaphart.

Fleeing men lead police straight to pot warehouse

UKIAH, Calif. (AP)—Three men may be wishing they'd thought of a better hiding place when they led police on a foot chase straight to their marijuana warehouse. Mendocino County Sheriff's Capt. Kurt Smallcomb said officers seized 700 pounds of processed pot and arrested 19 people at the marijuana operation in Ukiah on Saturday. The chase began when the men were spotted in what police believed was a stolen car filled with marijuana. Smallcomb said officers arrived to find the 1,800-square-foot industrial building filled with drying plants and processed marijuana. The suspects range in age from 19 to 67 and mostly are Mendocino County residents.

Calif. homeowner discovers nude man under bed

WESTMINSTER, Calif. (AP)—Authorities in Orange County are searching for a burglary suspect found nude under a bed by a homeowner. Westminster police said the suspect repeatedly apologized and put on his pants after he was discovered early Saturday. The man told the homeowner he was on drugs and ran from the house shirtless and wearing khaki pants, City News Service reported. The homeowner told police he discovered the stranger when he heard "rustling sounds" coming from under the bed. Police determined the suspect got into the house by using a ladder found in a side yard to climb through a second-story window.

Science & Technology

Google gives Gmail users more control over inboxes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google Inc. is addressing one of the biggest complaints about its free e-mail service by giving people more control over how their inboxes are organized. The new option announced Wednesday will allow Gmail users to choose whether they prefer their incoming messages stacked in chronological order, instead of having them threaded together as part of the same electronic conversation.

Gmail has been automatically grouping messages by topic or senders since Google rolled out the service six years ago.

But this so-called "conversation view" confused or frustrated many Gmail users who had grown accustomed to seeing all their newest messages at the top of the inbox followed by the older correspondence. After all, that's how most other e-mail programs work.

The complaints grew loud enough to persuade Google to revise the Gmail settings so users can turn off conversation view and unravel their messages.

"We really hoped everyone would learn to love conversation view, but we came to realize that it's just not right for some people," Google software engineer Doug Chen wrote in a Wednesday blog post.

The aversion to conversation view doesn't seem to be widespread. Gmail ended July with nearly 186 million worldwide users, a 22 percent increase from the same time a year ago, according to the research firm comScore Inc. Both Microsoft's Windows Live Hotmail (nearly 346 million users) and Yahoo's e-mail (303 million users) are larger, but aren't growing nearly as rapidly as Gmail.

Another player

BlackBerry's new tablet, the PlayBook, will arrive in the U.S. in early 2011.

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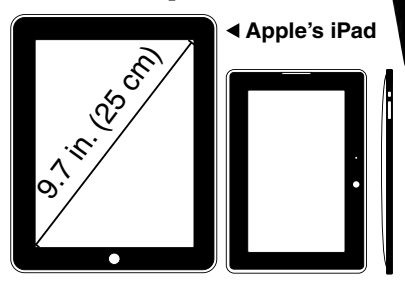

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STUMP THE GEEKS

Silverlight unlikely to bloat system

By ANNE KRISHNAN
THE NEWS & OBSERVER

QUESTION: What the heck is Microsoft Silverlight? My Windows systems keep trying to install it on updates, and I've opted not to on two of my computers. Is it a necessary piece of add-on for home user Web browsing (similar to Java or Flash) or just another piece of bloatware?—W.M., Raleigh, N.C.

ANSWER: Microsoft Silverlight is indeed a Web browser add-on similar to Flash or Java, said Paul Rosenberg, owner of Love Your Computer, a repair shop in Chapel Hill, N.C.

While new and not as widely used as those two add-ons, Silverlight will not slow your system down or load it with unnecessary content, and therefore would not be considered "bloatware," he said.

For its part, Microsoft calls Silverlight a "powerful development platform for creating rich media applications and business applications for the Web, desktop, and mobile devices."

You can find out more at http://www.microsoft.com/silverlight/what-is-silverlight/.

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Q: My hard drive is getting full, so I am trying to remove unnecessary programs. The programs are listed in Add/Remove Programs in the Control Panel, and when I try to remove them, I get the message "This action is only valid for products that are currently installed." I know the programs are installed because I can open them and run them from the start menu. How can I remove these programs? I installed Windows Cleanup and tried to remove them that way and I think that might be why I can't remove them from Add/Remove Programs. —P.R., Miami

A: It is very likely that trying to remove programs with Windows Cleanup is the reason you cannot uninstall them properly now, Rosenberg said.

Windows Cleanup, a free program that promises to delete temporary files and remove unneeded registry entries from your system, probably has removed the installation records for your applications, he said.

So while Windows can still run the applications, it no longer has the correct instructions for uninstalling them. Your best course of action would be to reinstall the applications in question, then uninstall them using "Add/Remove Programs" under "Control Panel," or "Programs and Features" if you are using Vista or Windows 7, Rosenberg said.

In the future, he advises you to always use the control panel option for uninstalling applications, and he recommends great caution in using any utility that claims to clean up your registry, as it is too easy to make a mistake like this. "In fact, I see no reason to ever let any utility modify your registry at all, unless you are in a malware removal situation," he said.

Think you can stump the geeks? Send your high-tech question to stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Individual replies are not given.)

Life & Style

AT THE IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Children figure out the formula for peace

Immanuel United Methodist Church in Chalan Kanoa continues its focus on peace. Last two Sundays in "Time With Our Kids," Pastor Millie Carroll asked children to choose a small rock. When asked what rocks are used for, one said, "Build houses." After several replies, another mentioned, "Sometimes people throw rocks and hurt people." Pastor Millie asked, "Then what usually happens?" One quickly answered, "A rock is thrown back." Another, "Fights start." Their conclusion: Don't throw a rock, don't throw back, don't start fights. We want peace for everyone.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Immanuel United Methodist Church children, while pretending to be presidents/leaders of countries, give up their rocks, symbolizing hope for world peace. Receiving the rocks are, left to right, Pastor Millie Carroll and Sunday School teacher Pam Carhill.

Last Sunday, after guessing the number of countries in the world (almost 200), each child pretended they were the president/leader of 20 countries and gave up their rocks (pictured above). Pastor Millie summarized, "If every country followed your words from last week and your example today, we'd have peace throughout the world, not battles."

IUMC dedicated all of September to peace. This included Sunday afternoons on Sept. 12 and 19, inviting the public to peace games, peace crafts, making peace cranes, peace face painting, peace snacks. On Sept. 21, International Peace Day, people from many nationalities and faiths gathered at IUMC courtyard for a Candlelight Peace Vigil. This joined millions around the world observing International Peace Day as proclaimed by the United Nations since 1981. At each, people added messages to the 20-foot Peace Banner made by Michael Bautista and to "Saipan's Peace Wall." Photos of these will be sent to the United Nations to include in their peace records.

For IUMC, September Sunday services focused on peace. Carroll said, "The first Sunday centered on the meaning of the peace we say God gives and we wish to each other every Sunday. The second Sunday, on human rights and needs for peace (adequate food, homes, jobs, feeling safe) and IUMC's responsibility to help in these. Third Sunday, peace without war for the world and small ways IUMC might be useful in this. Fourth Sunday, looking around us and seeing, really seeing ones in need of care and peace."

Sunday School teacher Pam Carhill also focused this month's Sunday School Bible lessons, crafts and joyous co-operative games on peace and caring for each other and the world. Connected with their Bible lessons, the children made peace cranes, peace candles they could use at the Peace Vigil, and created a peace memory game.

"The children's understanding about world peace was amazingly deep and encouraging," Carhill said. "Teacher Sol Corpuz and I will be helping the kids plan for and conduct a multi-cultural Sunday service next month. We're wondering what part one of the 4-year-olds will choose—perhaps to direct the choir!"

Tomorrow, IUMC and the Immanuel Methodist Church Filipino Congregation will join Immanuel Methodist Church (Korean) on As Lito Road, Koblerville, at 10am, to celebrate World Communion. All are warmly invited to this multilingual celebration of World Communion.

Other Sundays, all are warmly invited to IUMC's Worship Service and Sunday School 9am in Chalan Kanoa (Chalan Kanoa Drive – east of Town Center and Beach Road, near Mt. Carmel). Although very international, services are in English. For further information, contact Pastor Millie at 322-6158. ***(PR)***

Yes, she can: Snooki has a book deal

Polizzi

NEW YORK (AP) — Gallery Books announced Wednesday that Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, the "Jersey Shore" reality TV star, has a novel called "Shore Thing" scheduled to come out in January.

The publisher said the novel will tell of love on the boardwalk, complete with "big hair, dark tans, and fights galore."

Snooki said in a statement that she has been working on the book for some time. But, no, she's not writing alone. Gallery, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, said she has a collaborator.

Stonehenge skeleton came from Mediterranean

LONDON—A wealthy young teenager buried near Britain's mysterious Stonehenge monument came from the Mediterranean hundreds of miles away, scientists said Wednesday, proof of the site's importance as a travel destination in prehistoric times.

The teen—dubbed "The Boy with the Amber Necklace" because he was unearthed with a cluster of amber beads around his neck—is one of several sets of foreign remains found around the ancient ring of imposing stones, whose exact purpose remains unknown.

AP

In this image provided by Wessex Archaeology on Wednesday Sept. 29, 2010 shows the remains of an early bronze age burial. Although it cannot be seen in this photograph, this person was buried wearing a necklace made from amber beads. The body is in a flexed position, reminiscent of a sleeping pose.

The British Geological Survey's Jane Evans said that the find, radiocarbon dated to 1,550 B.C., "highlights the diversity of people who came to Stonehenge from across Europe," a statement backed by Bournemouth University's Timothy Darvill, a Stonehenge scholar uninvolved with the discovery.

"The find adds considerable weight to the idea that people traveled long distances to visit Stonehenge, which must therefore have had a big reputation as a cult center," Darvill said in an e-mail Wednesday. "Long distance travel was certainly more common at this time than we generally think."

The skeleton, thought to be that of a 14- or 15-year-old, was unearthed about two miles (3 kilometers) southeast of Stonehenge, in southern England.

Clues to the adolescent's foreign origins could be found in the necklace, which isn't a recognized British type. But he was traced to the area around the Mediterranean Sea by a technique known as isotope analysis, which in this case measured the ratio of strontium and oxygen isotopes in his tooth enamel.

Different regions have different mixes of elements in their drinking water, for example, and some of those are absorbed into a person's tooth enamel as he or she grows up. Analysis of the isotopes of oxygen and strontium carried in the enamel can give scientists a good but rather general idea of where a person was raised.

The teen, whose necklace suggests he came from a rich family, is one of several long-distance travelers found near Stonehenge. The "Amesbury Archer," so-called because of the stone arrowheads he was found with, was buried three miles (5 kilometers) from Stonehenge but is thought to have come from the Alpine foothills of central Europe.

ON THE NET

Stonehenge:
http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/stonehenge/

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Prepedigna Peter Kileleman

"Dina/Dinang"

Born to Life: February 18, 1935
Born to Eternal Life: September 27, 2010

Now joins her
Husband: Miguel "Mike" Igisaiar Kileleman
Parents/In Laws: Edward Malighar Peter & Cecilia Kapileo Peter
Guillermo "Kiyoshi" Romolor Kileleman & Francisca I. Kileleman

She will live in the hearts of her
Children: Mary Ann/Alan (Jethro/Jamie, Brent, Xavier)
Alfred Micheal/Wendy (Julauna Ruhiya, Kelly Jean, Alfred Julian)
Elaine (Makia, Jerune, Eric)
Bernard/Aggie (Derek, Ethan Janice/Jeremy, Vincent, Colin, Malaina)
Evelyn/Jeffrey
Pamela/Syl (Sylvan, Kolfred, Dania, Laurese)
Thyron/Kozue

Brothers/Sisters/In-Laws
†Isidro K./Rosa T. Peter, David K./Malua T. Peter, Angelina P./†Esteban I. Limes, Rosa P./†Roland Afable, Rufina P./Greg Miles, Edwardo K./Geraldine Peter, Emerenciana P./George Palican

†Gregorio/Candelaria Kileleman, †Carmen I. Kileleman, †Ana Kileleman, †Amada/Raphael Lizama, †Joaquin Kileleman, †Juan/Cecilia T. Kileleman, Lolita I. Kileleman, †Esteban I/Milan Kileleman, Adoracion K. HIx/Jesus Santos

On Friday, October 1, 2010 at 3:00 pm, her remains will be transported from CHC to the residence of Julie Mettao in DanDan for wake services. As soon as she arrives at the residence, the Responso service will be prayed. The rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday at 9:30 am, our beloved will be transported to the Mount Carmel Cathedral for the Eucharistic Celebration at 10:00 a.m., followed by the internment services at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery. Lunch will follow immediately after the mass at the Joeten-Daidai Social Hall.

Your presence and prayers are greatly appreciated.

NY mayor talks to Letterman about job, money, bugs

NEW YORK (AP)—Mayor Michael Bloomberg revealed during his first sit-down interview on David Letterman's "Late Show" that he thinks being governor is a "terrible job" and said he's not embarrassed to be ranked 10th richest in the nation.

The billionaire mayor said he prefers being mayor because mayors can interact more with their constituents and "the state is so spread out."

Bloomberg, a Democrat-turned-Republican-turned-independent, last week endorsed Democrat Andrew Cuomo in New York's gubernatorial race.

During the 15-minute "Late Show" appearance, Letterman also teased Bloomberg about how his city has recently closed parts of Broadway in midtown Manhattan to create pedestrian plazas. Letterman called them "petting zoos."

Before Bloomberg went onstage at the start of the segment, a tree was partially blocking the camera and people were sipping coffee at small tables on the set, mocking the patio furniture that the Bloomberg administration installed in the Broadway pedestrian plazas in Times Square and Herald Square.

From behind the camera, Letterman was informed that "during the commercial break, Mayor Bloomberg installed a pedestrian plaza."

During Bloomberg's nearly nine years in office, he has appeared several times on Letterman's CBS show to read the Top 10 list or to participate in jokes, like when he gave Letterman's beard a key to the city.

Bloomberg

On Wednesday, Letterman asked him about a wide range of topics, including World Trade Center rebuilding, the mosque planned in lower Manhattan near ground zero, the tea party movement and even rats and bedbugs, which have been discovered in theaters, clothing stores, office buildings, housing projects and posh apartments throughout the city.

"The bedbugs are probably tougher," Bloomberg said.

Letterman mentioned where Bloomberg, who founded the financial information company Bloomberg LP, was ranked on a list of richest Americans. Forbes magazine estimates his fortune at $18 billion.

"I saw a thing today where, and it's probably embarrassing, you're like the 10th wealthiest person in the world or something?" Letterman asked.

"That's not embarrassing," Bloomberg said. "Try it sometime. You'll like it."

The show was taped Wednesday afternoon to air that night.

'Mad Men"s Sally Draper not allowed to watch show

NEW YORK (AP)—The 10-year-old actress who plays Don and Betty Draper's daughter Sally on "Mad Men" is getting a lot of airtime this season, but she's not allowed to see much more than her own scenes.

"I'm not allowed to watch the show," Kiernan Shipka says. "My mom will tape it and then show me the scenes she feels are appropriate."

The critically acclaimed series stars Jon Hamm, January Jones and Elisabeth Moss and centers about a 1960s-era ad agency. Episodes routinely feature topics that include alcoholism, adultery and sexism in the workplace.

Even if she follows the story lines only on a need-to-know basis, Kiernan says it's not difficult to channel Sally.

"I'm very method when I'm on set," Kiernan says. "It's just kind of thinking the thoughts of Sally, and I pretty much just become her. It's a character that I've known for a really long time, so it's pretty easy."

It's that kind of talent that has upped Kiernan to a full-time cast member on the show, which is on its fourth season. Its writers are giving her a lot to do, too: Sally's parents are now divorced and she's acting out.

Some of Sally's most recent offenses include running away to see her father in New York City, chopping off her hair and fondling herself in front of a friend's mother.

Shipka

Study: Audio recordings of US history fading fast

WASHINGTON (AP)—New digital recordings of events in U.S. history and early radio shows are at risk of being lost much faster than older ones on tape and many are already gone, according to a study on sound released Wednesday.

Even recent history—such as recordings from the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks or the 2008 presidential election—is at risk because digital sound files can be corrupted, and widely used CD-R discs only last three to five years before files start to fade, said study co-author Sam Brylawski.

"I think we're assuming that if it's on the web it's going to be there forever," he said. "That's one of the biggest challenges."

The first comprehensive study of the preservation of sound recordings in the U.S. being released by the Library of Congress also found many historical recordings already have been lost or can't be accessed by the public. That includes most of radio's first decade from 1925 to 1935.

Shows by singers Duke Ellington and Bing Crosby, as well as the earliest sports broadcasts, are already gone. There was little financial incentive for such broadcasters as CBS to save early sound files, Brylawski said.

Digital files are a blessing and a curse. Sounds can be easily recorded and transferred and the files require less and less space. But the problem, Brylawski said, is they must be constantly maintained and backed up by audio experts as technology changes. That requires active preservation, rather than simply placing files on a shelf, he said.

The study co-authored by Rob Bamberger was mandated by Congress in a 2000 preservation law.

Judge dismisses some charges in Anna Nicole case

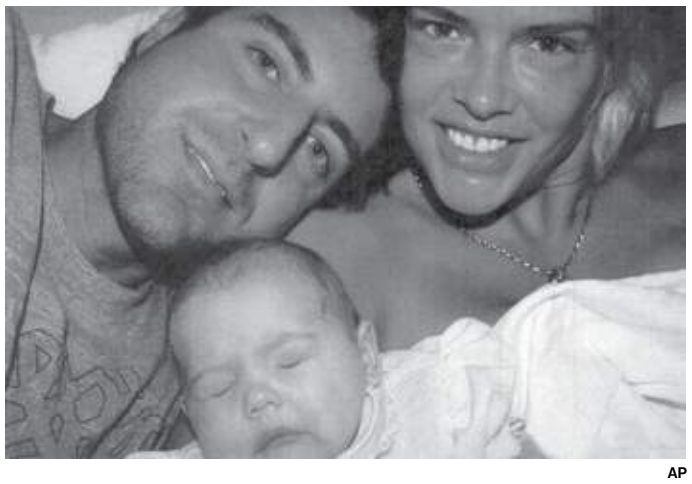
LOS ANGELES (AP)—The judge in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case acquitted her boyfriend-lawyer Howard Stern on Wednesday of two charges of obtaining drugs for her by fraud and deceit, including use of false names.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry also dismissed part of a conspiracy count against Stern and Dr. Sandeep Kapoor, ruling there was insufficient proof that the two men conspired to obtain controlled drugs through fraud and deceit.

Perry allowed the balance of that conspiracy charge to stand and ruled the bulk of the 11-count complaint would go to the jury for verdicts. Attorneys were scheduled for closing arguments on Monday.

Stern, Kapoor and Dr. Khristine Eroshevich have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to prescribe, administer and dispense a controlled substance to an addict. They are not charged in Smith's 2007 overdose death.

Perry accepted arguments by the defense that because Stern is not a doctor, he would not have known if there were problems with the legality of prescriptions written by Kapoor.



AP

This image provided by the Los Angeles County Superior Court shows Anna Nicole Smith with her daughter, Dannielynn and Howard K. Stern.

"I don't think there's evidence that a layperson knows it's illegal to write a prescription in another name for a celebrity," the judge said.

Defense lawyers had hoped for more dismissals based on the judge's critical comments regarding the prosecution's case through the trial. Perry previously indicated some charges would likely be dismissed.

"I think there are weaknesses in the prosecution's case, " Perry said Wednesday. "But my inclination is to let it go to the jury."

But the judge also raised the unusual prospect that if he does not agree with jury convictions, he has the option to change the verdicts or order a new trial. He said he has done this in other cases.

Stern's lawyer, Steve Sadow, expressed alarm at that prospect, saying, "Once it's post-verdict, the whole scenario changes. My client would lose his license. The doctors would lose their licenses."

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Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A woman who once made it her goal in life to marry and rear a family finds her priorities suddenly shifting in director Ryan Murphy's adaptation of author Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling memoir. In the eyes of many, Gilbert was a woman who had it all—a loving husband, a great apartment, and a weekend home—but sometimes one realizes too little too late that they haven't gotten what they truly wanted from life.

Sa'yo Lamang
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon through Thurs 4:15 7:15
Lorna Tolentino, Christopher de Leon
Drama • Rated NR

Synopsis
The story of Sa'yo Lamang movie revolves around Dianne Alvero (Bea Alonzo) who was left with the responsibility of taking care of her siblings played by Coby (Coco Martin), James (Enchong Dee) and Lisa (Miles Ocampo). When their father (Christopher de Leon) comes back, she finds it difficult to forgive him. Will love, faith and forgiveness prevail during the most trying times in their life?

Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:30
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:30
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon through Thurs 4:20 7:20
Sam Neil, Geoffrey Rush
Fantasy, Action • Rated PG

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon through Thurs 4:10 7:10
Michael Douglas, Shia LeBeouf
Drama • Rated PG 13

You Again
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon through Thurs 4:05 7:05
Jamie Lee Curtis, Sigourney Weaver
Comedy • Rated PG

Alpha And Omega
Friday 4:25 7:25
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Sunday 1:25 4:25
Mon through Thurs 4:25
Justin Long, Christina Ricci
Children's, Family • Rated PG

The Town
Friday 9:55
Saturday 9:55
Sunday 7:25
Mon through Thurs 7:25
Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall
Crime • Rated R

Resident Evil: Afterlife
Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon through Thurs 4:30 7:30
Mila Jovovich, Ali Larter
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Britney Spears is a ratings grabber for 'Glee'

NEW YORK (AP)—Britney Spears is a dream for Fox's hit musical "Glee."

Tuesday's episode that featured the star in some dream-sequence cameos drew an estimated 13.5 million viewers. The Nielsen Co. says it was the second most-watched episode of the show ever, behind last spring's return from a hiatus.

That's also an increase from the 11.1 million people who had tuned in to the "Glee" season premiere a week earlier. Spears was also a trending topic on Twitter during the telecast, exemplifying one of TV's biggest new trends: viewers using social media to correspond with friends while watching.

The show's cast performed five Spears songs during the episode, including "I'm a Slave 4U" and "Stronger."

AP

In this Aug. 9, 2009 file photo, Britney Spears arrives at the Teen Choice Awards in Universal City, Calif.

Liza Minnelli falls ill, cancels US concert

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—Singer Liza Minnelli has canceled a concert in Maine because of an illness.

The mayor of Portland had expected to give singer a key to the city after her performance at Merrill Auditorium on Wednesday night.

But the arts organization Portland Ovations says Minnelli fell ill before her afternoon sound check and could not perform as scheduled. She was on her way back to New York City.

The 64-year-old was expected to sing her greatest hits and material from new CD, "Confessions," to kick off Portland Ovations' 80th season.

The Portland Press Herald says the organization is hoping to reschedule the concert and is requesting that ticket holders wait for further information.

Minnelli representative Scott Gorenstein says the singer isn't seriously ill and will resume performing in the next few days.

Hulk Hogan settles lawsuit over cereal ad

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Hulk Hogan no longer has a beef with Cocoa Pebbles.

The wrestler sued the cereal maker Post Foods LLC in May, claiming his likeness was being used in an ad without his permission. The St. Petersburg Times reported Wednesday that the suit had been settled.

Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, took issue with a "Cocoa Smashdown" TV ad featuring a blond-haired wrestler with a championship belt and mustache that resembled Hogan.

Hogan's attorney, Joseph W. Bain, wouldn't disclose the terms of the settlement, but says the commercial is no longer being aired and the lawsuit has been dismissed.

Attorney: Bristol Palin only ate at Alaska bar

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A Palin family attorney is defending as legal Bristol Palin's appearance at an Anchorage establishment where her "Dancing with the Stars" partner Mark Ballas performed.

The Alaska Dispatch newspaper had reported that a state Alcohol and Control Board investigator visited its office, asking for copies of raw video shot during the performance at Rumrunners Old Towne Bar and Grill last week.

Palin is 19 and could only legally be in the establishment if accompanied by a parent, spouse or legal guardian over 21. State law also would allow her to be there if it's been designated as a bona fide restaurant, and she was there only to eat.

Attorney Thomas Van Flein says Palin was with two people over 21, ate food and did not consume any alcohol. She told him she left by about 10 p.m.

AP

Contestant Bristol Palin poses with her dance partner Mark Ballas following the 11th season premiere of "Dancing with the Stars," Monday, Sept. 20, 2010.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Bedbugs hit Howard Stern's NYC studios, limousine

NEW YORK (AP)—The office where shock jock Howard Stern airs his show has joined the ever-growing list of New York City buildings hit by bedbugs. WNBC-TV reports that Stern said on his Sirius XM Radio show that the building was treated over the weekend and was 100 percent bedbug free on Monday. He said his limousine also had to be fumigated after dogs sniffed out the bloodsuckers there. The pests have been discovered in theaters, clothing stores, office buildings, housing projects and posh apartments throughout the New York City, and a resurgence of bedbugs is being seen across the U.S. Pest control workers have called New York City the epicenter for the outbreak. The city has a plan to fight the spreading infestation, including a public-awareness campaign and a top entomologist to head the effort.

'Star Wars' films to be rereleased in 3-D

NEW YORK (AP)—Lucasfilm announced Wednesday that the "Star Wars" films will be converted into 3-D and rereleased theatrically. All six films of the saga, beginning with episode one, "The Phantom Menace," and concluding with episode six, "Return of the Jedi," are expected to be released in theaters in 2012. Lucasfilm and distributor Twentieth Century Fox have not yet set a release date. Industrial Light & Magic is supervising the conversion process, which it promises will be "cutting edge." Many previous conversions of films shot in 2-D, such as "Clash of the Titans," have drawn criticism for cheapening 3-D. John Knoll, visual effects supervisor for Industrial Light & Magic said a proper conversion to 3-D "is a matter of taking the time and getting it right."

Injury keeps Rosie Perez out of New York play

NEW YORK (AP)—John Guare's new play will go on at Manhattan's Lincoln Center but it will not include Rosie Perez. The Oscar-nominated actress is recovering from a bone marrow procedure and neck surgery. She says she had to drop out of the historical play "A Free Man of Color," which premieres at Lincoln Center on Nov. 18. Perez says her doctor was afraid the workload would land her back in the hospital. Perez, who appeared in "Do The Right Thing" and "Fearless" hurt her neck while filming an episode of "Law & Order: SVU" in 2009.

Says the actress: "I'm on the mend." Guare's other plays include "Six Degrees of Separation" and "The House of Blue Leaves."

Whoopi Goldberg coping after mother's death

NEW YORK (AP)—Whoopi Goldberg says she channels her grief from her mother's death last month by staying busy. The co-host of "The View" attended the New York launch party Wednesday for purewow.com, a website with daily tips for women 35 and over. She is an investor. Asked how she's handling her mother's death, Goldberg said, "I'm here, but it's not easy." Her mother, Emma Johnson, died from complications following a stroke. Goldberg had been doing a limited stint as Mother Superior in the London version of "Sister Act" and immediately returned to the U.S. "Sister Act" moves to Broadway this season with an opening planned for Spring 2011. Goldberg is also one of the show's producers but says she has no plans to reprise her role.

Roommate's binge drinking is weekly worry for friend

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I live with two of my best friends. We get along great because we respect each other's personal space and business. My problem is my roommate, "Michelle" drinks alone in our apartment. She consumes eight to 12 alcoholic beverages in an evening. She does this once a week, usually during the week. The next morning she'll complain that she's "sick" when she has to get up for work, but I know she's hung over.

Our other roommate spends little time at our place and doesn't want to speak to her about this, even though he agrees she has a problem.

How should I approach Michelle about this? I'm afraid if I say anything she'll think I'm accusing her of being an alcoholic. I want to maintain peace in our home, but I'm worried about her. Any suggestions for how I should handle this?

FEARFUL IN FAIRBORN, OHIO

DEAR FEARFUL: You are right to be concerned about Michelle. If she isn't an alcoholic, she is well on her way to becoming one. From your description, she is bingeing on a regular basis.

The way to approach her is to tell her you're worried. Eight to 12 drinks in an evening is a huge amount of alcohol. And if she's going to work hung over, it is already having a negative impact on her job.

Offer to attend an AA meeting with Michelle. (They are listed in most telephone directories.) When you get there you'll find pamphlets are available that contain a self-test people can take to determine whether they need help. I know for sure she will have to answer yes to at least one of the questions—"Do you wish people would stop nagging you about your drinking?"—because by the time you get there, YOU will have nagged her.

DEAR ABBY: I have just become engaged to "Egon," who is from Norway. He has a great job and is studying to be a masseur. He tells me often that he loves me and would never fall for another woman.

My problem is my sister "Ellen." She's happy about our engagement, but she keeps asking my fiance for lower back and thigh rubs. She claims she gets cramps from being on her feet all day.

Well, I'm on my feet all day and my thighs have never cramped up. What bothers me is Ellen makes embarrassing sounds of pleasure when Egon massages her. I'm upset with her because she constantly asks my fiance for massages, but I also get annoyed with Egon because—in a weird way—it feels like he's cheating on me.

He says it's his job and I'm being silly. What I want to tell my sister is, "Sorry, but those intimate rubdowns belong to me now. Find someone else for yours!" Abby, am I being unduly jealous or is what she's doing wrong?

RUBBED THE WRONG WAY IN FLORIDA

DEAR RUBBED THE WRONG WAY: If you are going to marry someone who makes his living as a masseur, you need to understand clearly, in advance, that he will be working on all kinds of clients. This means men and women, some old and saggy, and others who are young, buffed and may be drop-dead gorgeous. Your fiance may enjoy his work, but it IS work and he will receive compensation for his efforts. If the back and thigh rubs Ellen is requesting have become so frequent that it's making you uncomfortable, I suggest you and Egon agree that he shouldn't be giving away what he's selling, and instead he should offer your sister a "family" discount.

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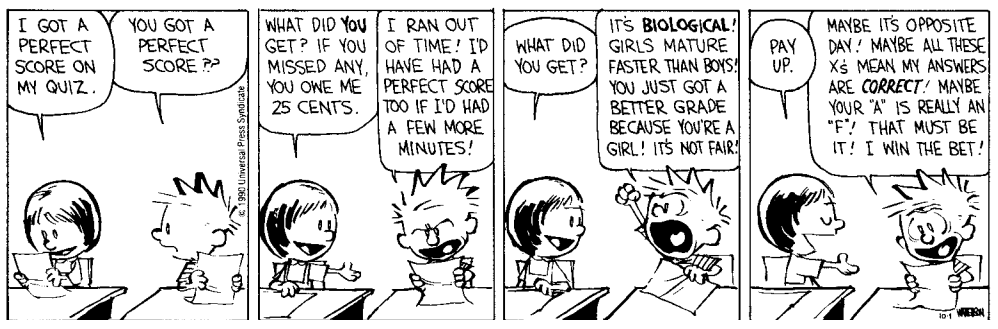
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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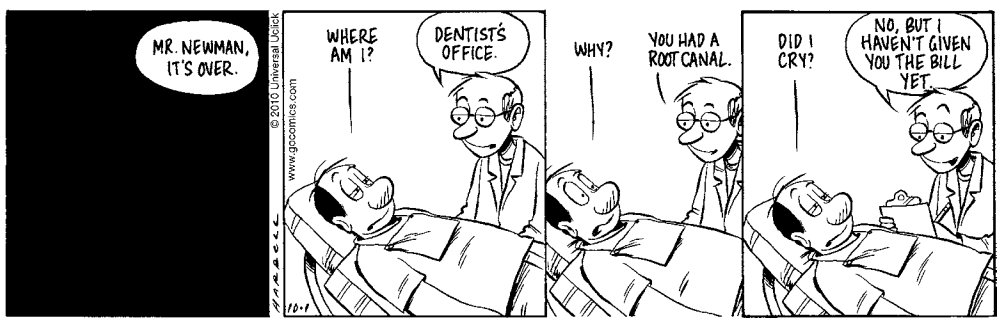

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35 Gofer's task
37 Witticism
38 "Dead Poets Society" director Peter
39 Hearty brew
41 Region
45 Coral ring
47 Neither mate
48 Linda Ronstadt hit
52 With 28-Down, jalopy
53 "Mr. Television"
54 Pundit Coulter
55 Fool
56 — Major (Dog Star's constellation)
57 Top
58 Favorite

DOWN
1 Uniform material
2 Rarin' to go
3 Accra's country
4 Corn holders
5 Billfold
6 More authentic
7 Barbecue entree
8 Rhyming tribute
9 Apiece
10 Listener
11 Crafty
17 Basin accessory
21 Persian Gulf nation
23 Bombard
24 "— the fields we go"
25 Rage
26 One way to change your mind?
28 See 52-Across
30 Venusian vehicle?
31 Churchgoer's seat
32 Exist
33 — Lanka
36 Information
37 Christopher of "Law & Order: SVU"
40 Faithful
42 Available
43 Din
44 Physicist Mach
45 Vigoda and Burrows
46 Ilsa's maiden name, in "Casablanca"
48 English channel?
49 Meadow
50 Grecian vessel
51 Yale student

Solution time: 25 mins.

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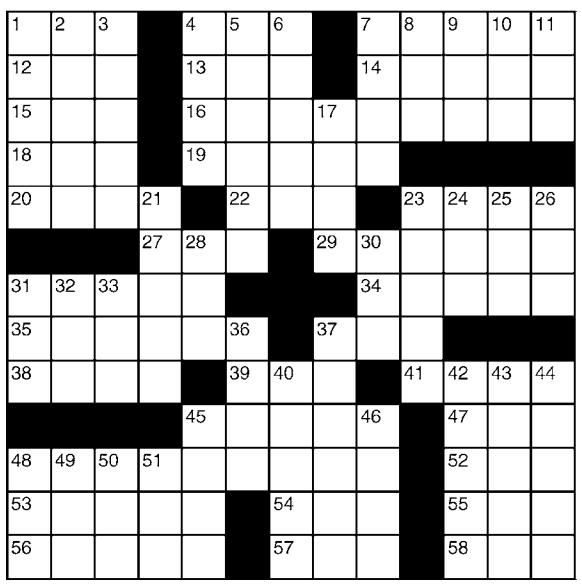
Yesterday's answer 10-1



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Zach Galifianakis, 41; Esai Morales, 48; Randy Quaid, 60; Julie Andrews, 75

Happy Birthday: You have to be constantly on top of whatever you are trying to accomplish if you want to reach your goals. It's all about staying calm and maintaining your vision to get the results you want. Not everyone will be on your side or wishing you well. There is no room for jealousy or possessiveness if you want to excel. Your numbers are 8, 12, 16, 27, 31, 40, 48

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Focus on what you can accomplish, not on the demands being put on you by friends and family. Organization and preparation will be the answer to reaching your goals. Take care of the emotional needs of someone you love. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Trust your own judgment and you will not be led astray by someone trying to take advantage of you. Love is in the stars and engaging in social events or spending time with someone you love will lead to a momentous occasion. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): A lot of talk and interest in something you are involved in will cause a stir but don't appear too confident or the promises made may be revoked. Arguing is a waste of time and will result in a change of plans due to an inability to get along. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Emotions will be difficult to control. Think before you take action or you may hurt someone's feelings. Focus on having fun and doing creative things. Love is in the stars if you plan a romantic evening. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Home, family and personal relationships must be handled carefully. A lack of attention will cause friction, but affectionate gestures will lead to a better situation with the ones you love. Don't be misled by outsiders putting restrictions on you. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Get involved in a cause. An unexpected change of plans should not stop you from participating. It will allow you to engage in stimulating conversations and will open your mind to suggestions and opportunities. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Get along with whoever is in charge. Trying to take over or call the shots will backfire, leaving you in a vulnerable position. Look at the long-term effects before you make a decision. Don't let someone else's burden become your dilemma. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Getting involved in activities or events that can lead to networking will be beneficial. You can talk shop and drum up interest in something you want to promote. Taking on a partner will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Get serious about your future. Your involvement in a prestigious club or organization will bring you in contact with people who have something to offer. Get whatever is being suggested in writing before you start making plans. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You have to expect the least and strive for the most. Not everyone will appreciate your persistence and may dump added responsibilities on you if you don't back off. Put greater effort into your personal relationships. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Get serious about your future, your finances and legalities or settlements that need your attention. Don't let a past lover take advantage of you. Travel will not bring you the results you are looking for. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Good fortune is heading in your direction. Expect to come into money or receive a gift or have an old debt paid. Luck is with you and so are love and romance. Children, family and friends will support your actions. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are caring and attentive. You are quick to criticize what's not working. You are in control and follow through with your plans.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

				3			4	
	7				1			6
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/01

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	1	5	9	6	8	7	3	4
6	9	8	7	4	3	5	2	1
4	7	3	1	2	5	6	8	9
9	4	7	6	8	1	2	5	3
5	3	6	2	9	4	1	7	8
8	2	1	5	3	7	4	9	6
1	8	9	4	5	2	3	6	7
7	6	2	3	1	9	8	4	5
3	5	4	8	7	6	9	1	2

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/30

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

AVRIL LAVIGNE **Solution: 9 letters**

C	N	O	N	A	C	K	N	C	H	A	R	T	S	B
W	I	B	L	A	W	C	N	A	A	M	U	B	L	A
O	H	T	S	S	R	A	L	U	P	O	P	O	B	Y
A	E	I	E	M	R	K	R	S	P	A	N	A	E	T
D	I	D	B	L	U	U	A	D	Y	D	N	N	S	N
A	M	D	I	L	H	R	O	S	E	D	S	E	E	T
W	U	L	E	V	E	T	D	T	N	I	B	E	E	D
N	S	O	I	M	O	Y	A	E	D	(S)	T	Y	L	E
A	I	O	A	F	O	C	I	R	I	(N)	N	A	E	T
I	C	C	N	B	I	R	A	N	N	(A)	E	A	T	N
D	I	R	M	L	F	D	G	L	G	(F)	C	L	G	E
A	H	O	P	L	I	E	G	A	M	I	K	I	O	L
N	T	M	R	O	R	N	S	S	E	R	T	C	A	A
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Yesterday's Answer: Remnants

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Employment application forms are available at the Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel. Applications must include all the necessary requirements and submitted to the office. No phone calls please.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: Friday, September 10, 2010 **Closing Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-048	Safety Officer	1	$27,921.00 - $36,297.00	Two-year	Admin. Office, Saipan
10-049	Compliance Officer	1	$27,921.00 - $36,297.00	Two-year	Admin. Office, Saipan
10-050	Information Technology (IT) Specialist	2	$19,425.00 - $25,981.00	Two-year	IT, Saipan
10-051	Information Technology (IT) Analyst	2	$34,176.00 - $44,429.00	Two-year	IT, Saipan
10-052	Accountant	1	$34,176.00 - $41,011.00	Two-year	Accounting, Saipan

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-001

Supply and Delivery of Facility Spill Response and Support Equipment: Power Plant No.1, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Facility Spill Response and Support Equipment for Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The procurement of equipment is part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval.

The Bid Package & Specification will be emailed to interested parties, upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan Village, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, until **October 7, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC-IFB-11-001, Supply and Delivery of Facility Spill Response and Support Equipment: Power Plant No.1, Saipan"***, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **October 12, 2010 at 10:00 A.M., (CST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the complete Bid shall also be sent by email or through compact disks (CD/DVD), to reach the office of procurement at the same time of the bid closing. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Offers should be submitted on forms provided and with the relevant details required, and must clearly identify the party submitting them, and be signed by such party or on his behalf. The price or prices should be firm. Any conditions, or exceptions to the terms of this Request for Bids, may be cause to reject the bid.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Bid award will be given to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is responsive to specifications and all requirements concerning delivery time, payment terms, warranty and duration of warranty.

Bidders will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **Friday, October 8, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B Sablan, Jr., Procurement and Supply Manager, CUC P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950 via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, Power Generation - **sword.william@gmail.com**; Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power Generation **venu@cucgov.net**; and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - **mika_muna@cucgov.net.**

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

CHARLES WARREN
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW10-IFB-017

RETROFIT OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE No.1336-ENERGY OFFICE

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Retrofit of Government House No.1336-Energy Office, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on or after September 17, 2010 at DPW, Energy Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Energy Office, Capitol Hill.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for October 5, 2010, 9:00 a.m. local time at the project site located at the DPW, Energy Office, Capitol Hill.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 p.m. to **Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director of Technical Services Division,** 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Pubic Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of ay addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW10-IFB-017". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time October 20, 2010. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, October 20, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 20, 2010, and must be received no later than October 29, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, November 3, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on October 25, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (CNMI Department of Commerce) as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC ss 70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (CNMI Department of Commerce) as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time of completion of this project is One Hundred Twenty (120) Working days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

This project is funded in Whole from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 through the U.S. Department of Energy. The Contractor shall ensure all ARRA requirements are met in a timely manner.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ THELMA B. INOS
Director, Energy Division

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-11-002
DESIGN BUILD FOR SECONDARY CONTAINMENT AT LOWER BASE POWER PLANT 1 AND 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced design construction firms for the design and build of secondary containment at Lower Base Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The work includes some design of contract drawings and contruction of concrete containment. Deliverables also include submission of preliminary drawings, specifications, preparation of workplans for construction, then construction. The work must be completed by February, 15, 2011. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until October 1, 2010.**

One (1) original and Six (7) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-002 Design/Build of Secondary Containment at CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 & 2"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **October 8, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CST) local time.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **October 1, 2010 at 9:30 AM (CST) local time** at the Saipan Lower Base CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Bldg.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a U.S. Treasury listed company. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less that the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **October 3, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Manager, Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Technical Manager for Oil, Mr. Will Sword via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/S/ CHARLES WARREN
Acting Executive Director

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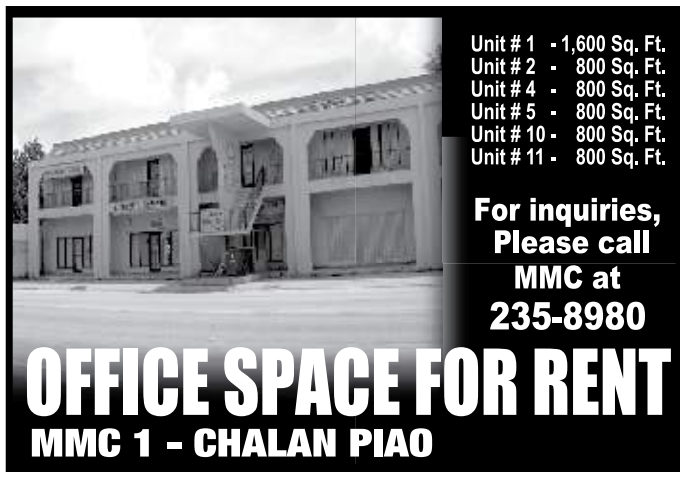
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Giants beat D-backs 3-1, remain 2 up on San Diego

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Pat Burrell hit a three-run homer as the first-place San Francisco Giants remained two games ahead of San Diego in the NL West with a 3-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday night.

The Padres beat the Chicago Cubs 3-0 at home. San Francisco lowered its magic number to three to clinch the club's first division title and playoff spot since 2003. The Giants and Padres close the season with a three-game series at AT&T Park starting Friday night.

With the Giants trailing 1-0, Burrell connected in the fourth with a drive into the left-field seats off Ian Kennedy (9-10).

Tim Lincecum (16-10) struck out 11 in seven innings, the 26th time in his career he's reached double digits for strikeouts. It was the seventh time this year, which matches Milwaukee's Yovani Gallardo for most in the NL.

AP

San Francisco Giants' Pat Burrell hits a three-run homer to left field off Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Ian Kennedy during the fourth inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

Braves 5, Marlins 1

At Atlanta, the Braves moved closer to their first playoff berth since 2005, completing a three-game sweep of Florida behind Derek Lowe's fifth win of September and Brooks Conrad's three-run homer.

Atlanta (90-69) reached 90 wins for the 15th time in 25 years under the 69-year-old Cox, who is retiring after the season. The Braves won 14 straight division titles under Cox but have missed out on the playoffs for four straight seasons.

Atlanta closes at home against NL East champion Philadelphia with a three-game series starting Friday night.

Pitching on three days' rest, Lowe (16-12) gave up one run and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings and struck out nine. He is 5-0 with a 1.17 ERA this month with 29 strikeouts and three walks in 30 2-3 innings, and his 16 wins matched Tim Hudson for the team high.

Padres 3, Cubs 0

At San Diego, Chris Young (2-0) and four relievers combined on a four-hitter and the San Diego Padres showed some life in the waning days of the playoff race to remain 1Ω games behind Atlanta in the NL wild-card race.

San Diego remained two games behind first-place San Francisco in the NL West.

The Padres won for just the 12th time in 33 games since Aug. 25, when they had a 6Ω-game lead over the Giants.

Dodgers 7, Rockies 6

At Denver, Matt Kemp hit a grand slam as Los Angeles edged Colorado to complete a three-game sweep.

A day after eliminating the Rockies from postseason contention, Los Angeles sent them to their fourth straight loss.

Colorado went 1-5 on its final homestand, part of a stretch in which it lost nine of 10 overall. The Rockies finished 52-29 at Coors Field this season, but faded in the races for the NL West and wild card.

Kemp's slam capped a five-run third inning against Jhoulys Chacin (9-11).

The Dodgers, who are 78-81, need to sweep their final series of the season at home against Arizona to avoid their first losing season since 2005.

Brewers 8, Mets 7, Game 1
Brewers 3, Mets 1, Game 2

At New York, Dave Bush pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning and hit RBI single, Ryan Braun hit a two-run double as the Milwaukee Brewers held on to complete a doubleheader sweep.

Prince Fielder's RBI single and Carlos Gomez's hustle in the eighth inning of the first game rallied the Brewers after they squandered a six-run lead.

Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth inning of the second game for his first save since notching No. 600 on Sept. 7.

After New York equaled a franchise record by using eight pitchers in a nine-inning game in the opener of the twi-night doubleheader, knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (11-9) gave up six hits in seven innings.

Bush (8-14) allowed a single to Angel Pagan with one out in the first then didn't give up another hit until Dickey singled with two outs in the fifth. Jose Reyes, who had a triple and two doubles in the opener, followed with a hit but Pagan grounded out to end the threat.

In the opener, Gomez helped level it by walking, stealing and advancing to third on rookie catcher Mike Nickeas' errant throw. He scored on Corey hart's tapper off Manny Acosta (3-2) between the mound and third base to tie it at 7 with two outs in the eighth.

Carlos Villanueva (2-0) pitched an inning for the win and Brewers closer John Axford, who gave up the winning hit Tuesday, pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Cardinals 4, Pirates 1

At St. Louis, P.J. Walters pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and Allen Craig hit a solo homer.

After allowing an infield single to Andrew McCutchen to start the game, Walters (2-0) set down the next 14 batters before Ronny Cedeno led off the sixth with a single to center field.

Walters worked four innings of relief last Thursday in Pittsburgh, where he allowed five runs and seven hits. But he was much sharper in his fourth career start, issuing just one walk and striking out four while dropping the Pirates to 16-61 on the road.

Astros 2, Reds 0

At Cincinnati, Carlos Lee had three hits and Nelson Figueroa took advantage of a Cincinnati lineup missing all of its regulars as the Houston Astros beat the newly crowned NL Central champions.

Manager Dusty Baker rested every one of his starting position players on the day after the Reds clinched their first division championship and postseason berth since 1995.

Figueroa (6-4), who had been 0-2 in his previous three starts, capitalized with 6 2-3 shutout innings. He allowed six hits and three walks.

Phillies 7, Nationals 1

At Washington, Ben Francisco hit two of Philadelphia's four homers.

Only two regulars started for Philadelphia, which is 95-64 and already was assured of home-field advantage throughout the postseason, as manager Charlie Manuel gave Ryan Howard and Chase Utley the night off. Mike Sweeney and Francisco hit consecutive homers off Ross Detwiler (1-3) to open the second inning.

John Mayberry added a three-run shot in the fourth, and Francisco's second homer of the night, a two-run drive, came an inning later.

Joe Blanton (9-6) gave up one unearned run and three singles in seven innings.

In what might have been Adam Dunn's final game at Nationals Park as a member of the home team, the slugging first baseman went 0 for 4 with four strikeouts. He leads Washington with 38 homers and 103 RBIs and can become a free agent this offseason.

Rangers 6, Mariners 5

At Arlington, Texas, Mitch Moreland raced home from first base with the winning run after a wild pitch and a throwing error on a strikeout with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting AL West champion Texas to victory over last-place Seattle.

Moreland reached on a two-out walk in the ninth off Dan Cortes (0-1). Pinch-hitter Nelson Cruz struck out, but reached on a wild pitch that bounced past catcher Guillermo Quiroz.

Quiroz retrieved the ball, but threw wildly into right field trying to get Cruz at first. Moreland never stopped running and beat the throw home by right fielder Ichiro Suzuki.

Neftali Feliz (4-3), the third Rangers reliever, struck out one in a perfect ninth.

The Rangers scored three runs in the eighth to level the game at 5-all, scoring on a bases-loaded walk and another wild pitch by Cortes.

Angels 2, Athletics 1, 11 innings

At Anaheim, Torii Hunter's two-out single drove home Jeff Mathis in the 11th inning and Los Angeles swept Oakland.

Los Angeles failed to score with the bases loaded and one out in both the ninth and 10th innings. Mathis and Howie Kendrick singled in the 11th against Brad Ziegler (3-7). Hunter lined a hit to center, ending a disappointing season at Angel Stadium with a fireworks celebration for the dethroned AL West champions.

Kendrick had three hits for the Angels, who will miss the postseason for the first time since 2006. Their three-year reign atop the division officially ended last weekend when the Texas Rangers clinched the title in Oakland.

Blue Jays 8, Yankees 4

At Toronto, Aaron Hill hit a three-run homer, John Buck and Travis Snider added solo drives and Toronto gave retiring manager Cito Gaston a winning send-off in his home finale.

The Yankees remained a half-game behind Tampa Bay in the AL East race. The Rays lost 2-0 to Baltimore.

Alex Rodriguez homered for the Yankees, giving him 13 straight years with 30 home runs and 100 RBIs.

Toronto leads baseball with 247 home runs, the fifth-highest season total in major league history. Seattle hit a record 264 in 1997.

Orioles 2, Rays 0

At St. Petersburg, Kevin Millwood allowed two hits over seven innings and Felix Pie hit a two-run triple for Baltimore before a capacity crowd of 36,973.

The Rays gave away 20,000 tickets for the regular-season home finale.

Tampa Bay clinched its second playoff berth in three years before 17,891 on Tuesday night. Monday night's potential clincher drew 12,446, a number that moved stars Evan Longoria and David Price to complain about a lack of fan support.

Millwood (4-16) struck out seven and walked three. Jim Johnson gave up a single during the eighth before Koji Uehara completed a three-hitter and picked up his 11th save.

The Rays kept a half-game lead over second-place New York in the AL East. The Yankees lost 8-4 at Toronto.

Indians 4, Tigers 0, 1st game
Indians 4, Tigers 3, 2nd game

At Cleveland, Mitch Talbot and Josh Tomlin both finished their rookie seasons with wins as Cleveland swept a doubleheader.

Tomlin (6-4) went five innings to beat Tigers ace Justin Verlander (18-9) after Talbot (10-13) pitched seven innings for only his third win in his last 13 starts to beat Max Scherzer (12-11) in the opener.

Cleveland tied its season-high six-game winning streak and beat the Tigers for the eighth straight time at home.

A suicide squeeze bunt by Trevor Crowe gave Cleveland a 4-3 lead in the fifth inning against Verlander.

Chris Perez got the final four outs of the second game for his 23rd save in 27 chances and 10th in a row.

Tomlin gave up three runs and nine hits over five innings to win for the third time in his final four starts.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 2

At Chicago, Omar Vizquel hit a go-ahead single in a three-run seventh inning and Chicago backed Freddy Garcia.

After Vizquel's hit, the White Sox made it 4-1 on a throwing error by catcher Victor Martinez and a single by Alexei Ramirez off Josh Beckett.

Beckett (6-6) went six innings for the Red Sox, who were eliminated from postseason contention on Tuesday. He gave up four runs and 11 hits, struck out five and walked four.

Garcia (12-6) lasted into the eighth and gave up two earned runs and four hits. He gave up four hits, walked none and struck out one.

Twins 4, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Delmon Young homered and drove in two runs as Minnesota snapped a season-long five-game losing streak.

Young hit his 20th homer with one out in the seventh on a full-count changeup from Gil Meche (0-5). His single in the ninth scored Orlando Hudson, who had doubled, with the final run.

Magic's Van Gundy tries to connect with players

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Stan Van Gundy took a few extra trips this summer.

They weren't vacations to exotic destinations with five-star accommodations. The Orlando Magic coach just wanted to improve communication with players, so he traveled to some of their hometowns—and in typical Van Gundy fashion.

On one occasion this summer, Van Gundy flew to Atlanta to have lunch with Dwight Howard. No car service after landing for Van Gundy; he took the MARTA, Atlanta's metrorail.

"I don't think I've rode the train since I was in middle school," Howard said. "For him to get on the train is like crazy. He said people were bothering him and asking questions about the Magic. It's crazy. But he really wants to be a part of us."

It's all tied into Van Gundy's biggest goal this season: Improving communication with players.

Maybe it's hard to believe considering he's an eccentric, never-afraid-to-say-anything coach, the kind who traded verbal jabs this summer with Miami Heat president and former boss Pat Riley. But Van Gundy recognized sometimes his in-your-face style bothers players.

The best way he knew to connect was to show players that the messenger cared not just about their games, but the players and their families.

So Van Gundy also flew to Paris to spend time with small forward Mickael Pietrus, and not to see the Eiffel Tower or cruise down the River Seine. No, Van Gundy took an overnight flight to France, spent about half the day on the ground with Pietrus and then flew back home across the Atlantic the next morning.

"That's dedication," Pietrus said.

Oh, the coach wasn't done.

AP

In this photo taken Sept. 28, 2010, Orlando Magic head coach Stan Van Gundy talks with reporters after practice at NBA basketball training camp in Orlando, Fla.

During some offseason condition workouts, Van Gundy decided to lace em' up and run sprints with other players who were in Orlando. The exercise drew mostly laughs - "more like sprits," Howard jokes—but it was appreciated by players.

"You should have seen me run," Van Gundy said. "I don't think you call those sprints. I don't know what it was, but that was far from sprints. That was a 51-year-old, overweight sprint."

Van Gundy will also be sporting some new looks this season—one by choice, another by mandate.

Both of his creation.

Slightly slimmer and more physically fit, Van Gundy is exercising on the elliptical machine and lifting weights. He's also trying to eat better, he said, and is scheduled to have another checkup in two weeks to find out exactly how much weight he's lost.

"It would be almost physically impossible for it to go up," he said, chuckling.

And those trademark turtleneck shirts complete with the same few sport coats on the sideline are gone. New NBA rules require coaches to wear collared shirts during games.

In an appreciative gesture, Magic CEO Bob Vander Weide—after extending Van Gundy's contract through 2013—even had tailors fit the coach and some front-office members with suits. So, yes, a fully suited Van Gundy is coming to NBA sidelines.

Maybe even sometimes with a tie.

"I want them to at least name the rule after me," Van Gundy said. "Somebody has their Bird rights. Larry Bird got that rule named after him. I want it to be the Van Gundy Rule."

Consider it the next step in Van Gundy's coaching makeover.

It was early last season, after all, when some players asked him to tone down the negative comments. Van Gundy complied—at least for a little—and has since stressed the importance of communication.

No matter how he's done it, Van Gundy's way wins.

In three years in Orlando, he has led the Magic to the Southeast Division title each season. They made the NBA finals in 2009 and were bounced by Boston in the Eastern Conference finals last season.

Only now, players say, Van Gundy has become more receptive to change and communication has never been better.

"He's reaching out to us a lot more on text messages, just phone calls and asking about our personal life and getting to know us better. I guess he's starting to open up a little bit," Magic point guard Jameer Nelson said.

"People just have this misconception of him because he's really animated on the sideline. Me, personally, I don't take that as a knock. But sometimes people who don't understand him might."

Wizards owner praises NHL's hard salary cap

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP)—Washington Wizards majority owner Ted Leonsis told local business leaders Wednesday that he expects the NBA soon will have a hard salary cap similar to the NHL's model.

NBA commissioner David Stern said that's not necessarily true—and warned Leonsis could be punished for discussing private league business. The NBA later announced it had fined Leonsis $100,000 for "unauthorized public comments regarding the league's collective bargaining negotiations."

"We're negotiating and that was one of our negotiating points," Stern told The Associated Press before the fine was announced, "but collective bargaining is a negotiating process, and that was not something that Ted was authorized to say and he will be dealt with for that lapse in judgment."

Leonsis, who also owns the Washington Capitals, spoke to a group of Northern Virginia business leaders before the Wizards' daily training camp session. He told them that the more fans a team has, the more they spend on the team, the more the team has a chance to acquire and keep good players.

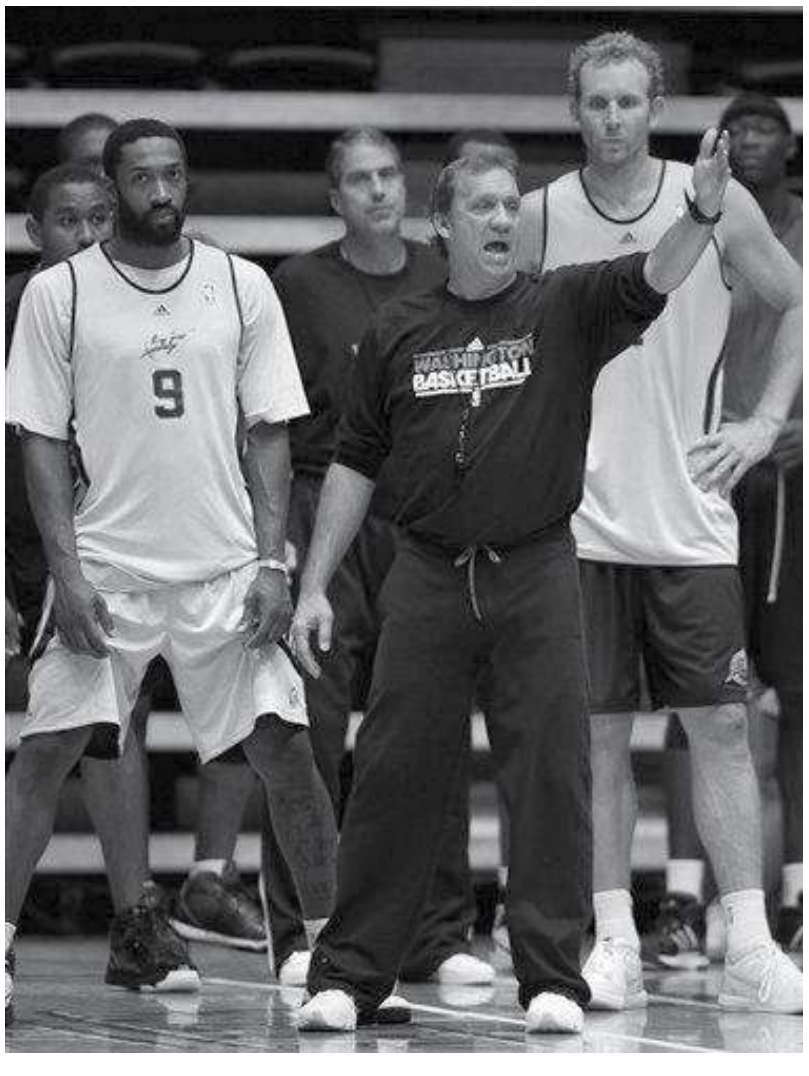
"In a salary-cap era—and soon a hard salary cap in the NBA like it's in the NHL—if everyone can pay the same amount to the same amount of players, its the small nuanced differences that matter," he said.

Asked after the speech to clarify his remarks, Leonsis pulled back from the comment, saying he was not authorized to speak about the ongoing NBA labor negotiations, but said he felt the NHL's system "is a good one."

"It's working," he said. "The teams are very, very competitive. There is no way that big markets teams can outspend small market teams. So when the season starts everyone thinks their team can compete for the Stanley Cup."

NBA teams currently can exceed the salary cap if they are willing to pay a luxury tax penalty. The league's proposal to the union for a new collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expires next summer included elements of a hard cap, and the players rejected it during last season's All-Star break.

"There's a hard cap in the NFL, there's a hard cap in the NHL, and that was something that was part of our initial proposal," Stern said. "But we're open to a deal and it depends what the deal is."



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Washington Wizards coach Flip Saunders, center, works drills with the team including Gilbert Arenas, left, and Sean Marks, right, during NBA basketball training camp at the Patriot Center at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

NBA BRIEFS

Pacers' Hansbrough healthy, ready to go

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Tyler Hansbrough entered the NBA with much to prove after the Pacers took him in the first round of the 2009 draft. The 6-foot-9, 250-pound power forward was dominant at North Carolina, but he knew some critics questioned whether he had the size or the athletic ability to make it in the NBA. Medical issues prevented him from showing much in Indiana. He missed time early in the season with a shin injury. He returned and showed promise before an inner ear infection caused dizziness and made him sensitive to light. He played in only 29 games. Now, he has been cleared for contact and is been practicing with the Pacers during training camp. He was his usual aggressive self during a scrimmage on Tuesday, throwing his body around, clogging passing lanes and even knocking a driving Danny Granger to the floor. "I'm feeling great," he said. "I've made a lot of progress. I feel very optimistic." Hansbrough averaged 8.5 points and 4.8 rebounds last season. He scored a career-high 21 points last Dec. 11 against New Jersey, and got his first career start on Jan. 13 against Phoenix.

Magic's Jason Williams to have knee surgery

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Orlando Magic point guard Jason Williams will have arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Thursday and will miss about four weeks. Magic coach Stan Van Gundy says Williams' knee has been problematic for weeks and was injured again during training camp this week. An MRI showed loose cartilage but no tear. Williams could be back in time for the Oct. 28 regular-season opener. Williams was Orlando's No. 2 point guard backup last season, starting 18 games while starter Jameer Nelson was injured. But Williams was expected to have a smaller role this season after the Magic signed free agent Chris Duhon to be Nelson's primary backup. Williams has averaged 10.8 points and six rebounds per game in 11 NBA seasons. He also helped the Miami Heat to the 2006 NBA title.

Tour champion Contador tests positive for steroid

PARIS (AP) — Three-time Tour de France champion Alberto Contador of Spain tested positive for a banned steroid while winning this year's race and has been suspended by cycling's governing body.

A World Anti-Doping Agency-accredited lab in Cologne, Germany, found a "very small concentration" of clenbuterol in Contador's urine sample on July 21 at the Tour, according to a statement from the UCI.

But the amount was "400 time(s) less than what the anti-doping laboratories accredited by WADA must be able to detect," the cycling organization said.

Both Contador's A and B samples tested positive and the cyclist has been "formally and provisionally suspended," the UCI said.

If Contador is proved to have cheated, cycling would suffer a devastating blow. Having invested millions of dollars in recent years in what is widely regarded as the one of the most stringent anti-doping regimes anywhere, cycling authorities hoped to be turning the corner on widespread doping by riders that had long made a mockery of the sport. Although just 27, Contador is already the greatest rider of his generation. His victories at the Tour and elsewhere were seen as a possible break from cycling's dirty past.

The UCI's statement gave no indication of whether Contador will be stripped of his latest Tour title or be banned.

"The UCI continues working with the scientific support of WADA to analyze all the elements that are relevant to the case. This further investigation may take some more time," the statement said.

Jacinto Vidarte, Contador's publicist, released a statement saying the cyclist insists food contamination is the only possible explanation.

"The experts consulted so far have agreed also that this is a food contamination case, especially considering the number of tests passed by Alberto Contador during the Tour de France," Vidarte said in the release, "making it possible to define precisely both the time the emergence of the substance as the tiny amount detected, ruling out any other source or intentionality."

Contador will hold a news conference Thursday in Pinto, Spain.

WADA director general David Howman told The Associated Press on Thursday that testing positive for even the most minute amounts of clenbuterol could be enough to sanction an athlete, although he refused to discuss the specifics of Contador's case.

AP

In this July 25, 2010, file photo, Alberto Contador, of Spain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, flashes three fingers for his third Tour de France victory as he rides holding a glass of champagne during the 20th and last stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 102.5 kilometers (63.7 miles) with start in Longjumeau and finish in Paris, France.

"The issue is the lab has detected this. They have the responsibility for pursuing. There is no such thing as a limit where you don't have to prosecute cases. This is not a substance that has a threshold," said Howman, reached by telephone as he was changing planes in Dubai on his way to the Commonwealth Games in India.

"Once the lab records an adverse finding, it's an adverse finding and it has to be followed up."

"Clenbuterol is a substance that has been used for over 20 to 30 years," he added. "It is not anything new. Nobody has ever suggested it is something you can take inadvertently."

Contador was first made aware of the positive test on Aug. 24, according to Vidarte's statement.

In July, Contador won the Tour de France for the third time in four years, beating Andy Schleck of Luxembourg by 39 seconds.

Contador is a lithe but powerful rider who likes to use explosive bursts of speed up sharp mountain climbs to shake off rivals. Having won all three Grand Tours of France, Italy and Spain, something seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong never achieved, he appeared destined to become one of cycling's all-time greats.

If Tour officials strip Contador of his title, he would be just the second cyclist so punished. The first was American Floyd Landis, who was stripped of his 2006 Tour title after a positive test. For years, Landis denied doping but admitted this spring that he used performance-enhancing drugs. In doing so, he accused Armstrong and others of systematic drug use.

Federal agents in the United States have been investigating Landis' claims. Armstrong insists he rode clean and says Landis has no credibility. On Wednesday, a U.S. federal grand jury heard testimony from exercise physiologist Allen Lim, who has worked with both Landis and Armstrong.

Armstrong and Contador had a fractious relationship when they rode together on the Astana team at the 2009 Tour. Contador won that year, while Armstrong placed third—the first time since 1999 that he had raced it and not won. Armstrong said then that Contador has the potential to become a five-time Tour winner.

Clenbuterol is used as a weight-loss drug which builds muscle while burning fat. It is commonly given to horses to treat breathing problems.

American swimmer Jessica Hardy tested positive for clenbuterol at the U.S. trials in July 2008. She served a one-year suspension that ended last summer. The Court of Arbitration for Sport accepted her explanation that she had unknowingly taken the banned anabolic agent in a contaminated food supplement.

A number of athletes have been banned in recent months after using the banned drug, including Polish canoeist Adam Seroczynski, British hurdler Callum Priestley and Chinese Olympic judo champion Tong Wen.

Pacific Grocers, Docomo Pacific top opponents

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Pacific Grocers manhandled Atalig Associates, 79-67, while Docomo Pacific out-steadied corporate rival IT&E in the homestretch, 91-79, as the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup continued Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The victory over Atalig Associates improved Pacific Grocers' win-loss record to 2-1, while the latter dropped to 1-2.

With their third win in four games, Docomo now sits in second place behind Ferrera Builders (4-0), while IT&E suffered its third loss in five games.

In the first game, Pacific Grocers' guard Erlan Lansang connected with a couple of 3-pointers in the opening period to help his team maintain a six-point lead, 20-14.

Pacific Grocers' guard Lerio Pagarao slices inside in an effort to split the zone defense of Atalig Associates in last Wednesday's QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Then in the second quarter Atalig Associates was held to only 14 points, while Pacific Grocers jumped way out in front, 45-28, thanks in part to 10 markers from Eugene Mangali and a lack of execution by Atalig Associates in the offensive end.

Atalig Associates was indecisive, hesitant, and just not on the same page with one another all game.

The team never recovered from its second quarter meltdown as Pacific Grocers traded baskets with Atalig Associates in the third to maintain their 17-point margin, 62-45. Pacific Grocers' Lerio Pagarao tallied 10 points in the third.

In the last quarter Pacific Grocers knew they had it in the bag. Thomas Santos was the only solid producer for Atalig Associates with 22 points in the loss. Mangali and Pagarao paced Pacific Grocers with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

Although the final score may not show it, the second game between Docomo and IT&E, meanwhile, was a much more competitive contest.

A two-point margin to start the final period disappeared when guard Elmer Esdrelon caught fire for Docomo Pacific with 15 points in the fourth quarter that blew IT&E away at the end.

Marlon De Dios started well for IT&E with nine points, but Docomo as a group managed a candlestick lead, 21-19, after the opening period.

Docomo's Jun Estolas delivered eight markers in the second period, but De Dios received some help in this round from his teammates and IT&E took the two-point advantage, 39-37, at halftime.

Errol Peredo turned in nine points for IT&E in the third quarter, but Edwin Santos answered his call with nine points for Docomo.

This time it was Santos who received a little more support and Docomo clung to the one-bucket lead, 60-58, heading into the final period.

After both teams battled close all night, Esdrelon came alive at the right time, scoring a bulk of his team-high 21 points in the last quarter alone. Docomo saved some gas in the tank for the end and totaled 31 points as a team in the fourth.

Peredo and Ivan Devero scored 19 points apiece to pace IT&E in the loss.

First Game

Pacific Grocers 79 – Mangali 17, L. Pagarao 15, Javier 10, Lansang 10, Moises 8, Ong 8, J. Pagarao 6, Tudela 4.

Atalig Associates 67 – Santos 22, Lisua 9, Tengco 9, Capalad 8, Camacho 6, Tamayo 5, Cabrera 4, Nonato 2, Sablan 1.

Scoring by quarters: 20-14, 45-28, 62-45, 79-67.

Second Game

Docomo Pacific 91 – Esdrelon 21, Estolas 14, Sharry 12, ESantos 10, Tabora 8, Lee 6, Casabuena 5, Diaz 1.

IT&E 79 – De Dios 19, Peredo 19, Devero 15, Park 8, Tumaquip 8, Dayrit 6, Fernandez 6, Gamboa 6, Montano 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-19, 37-39, 60-58, 91-79.

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30 and 31); sixth in Moscow, Russia (Nov. 2 and 3); and last in Stockholm, Sweden (Nov. 6 and 7).

Whopping cash prizes await winners in each stop and combined seven series. First placers in each series will get $1,500, $1,000 for second, and third for $500. Grand winners (male and female) will each get $100,000, runners-up will take home $50,000, and $30,000 for third. A world record is worth $10,000, but world record holders can win only as much as $50,000.

Grand winners will be determined by points system. Points will be awarded based on how swimmers finish in each event. There will be 34 events in the Japan stop of the World Cup.

Joining Staal in Tolyo is Shin Kimura, who will be the former's trainer/manager. Shin Kimura is now based in Japan to continue his studies after completing high school at Grace Christian Academy.

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In the mountain bike category, Bob Ferrer made it to the finish line at 1:02:44.50 for a 31-second lead against second placer Irineo Isip (1:02:44.81). Nap Dizon completed the Top 3 with his time of 1:02:47.12.

The mountain bike division drew the most participants with 55 and a lot of them were PIC employees.

The Top 3 placers in each category received medals and PIC water park passes.

Meanwhile, PIC will be hosting another race mid this month.

The pre-Hell of Marianas race will take place on Oct. 17 with a distance of 50 kilometers.

The course will start and end too at the PIC southern parking lot. From the starting line, bikers will head south to the airport road and Tun Herman Pan Road before turning right at Isa Drive. From Isa Drive, they will go to Chalan Talafofo to the Kingfisher Golf Links and back to Isa Drive. Riders will then race down Capital Hill and turn right to Chalan Pale Arnold to make a U-turn at Away Resort Club. From Aqua Resort, bikers will head back to PIC, turn right at the American Memorial Park tennis courts, and then cruise along Beach Road.

For more information about the 50-km race and the Hell of Marianas, contact PIC at 237-5148 or e-mail at seaexec@picsaipan.com or dosm@picsaipan.com.

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these days either on Saipan or Rota 2) the cost. At that time a round trip ticket between Saipan and Rota was 25 bucks. Nowadays it's close to half a paycheck assuming you get a paycheck which you cannot assume anymore. The line at the food stamp office goes around the building.

While at Rota High School upon the invitation of Dennis Zermeno, the wonderful voice of the Guam Major League, I got the students to play a game he invented, virtual Frisbee where the teams stayed home, recorded accuracy and distance of throws and faxed the results to each other. Guam always won. It was a stupid game and naturally never caught on.

While in Palau for the Micro Games, I was more than a little surprised to see on television the replay of the 1994 gold medal baseball game between the CNMI and Guam which Dennis and I did together, mostly him though because he hogged the mike. He's left Guam, moved to the States, symbolic of these times I guess. Guam baseball broadcasting has never been the same. I fondly remember sitting on Rota and later on Saipan in the '80s and '90s listening to Dennis call baseball games from Paseo Stadium on Guam. Dennis leaving the Guam Major League and the island after decades is like a bank getting up and moving away.

The senior class my first year at Rota High had 15 students: eight girls and seven boys. All of the boys were on the basketball team. We traveled to Guam to play in the Marianas Interscholastic Basketball Tournament which for awhile was the longest running tournament in the Marianas but has now faded away like a cheap T-shirt.

Sports on Saipan exploded (in a good way) with the construction of a gymnasium and baseball field at Civic Center in 1981, providing a central location for expansion from the village level to island-wide. The formation of the Northern Mariana Islands Sports Association at that time solidified the status of certain sports while others disappeared. What happened to weightlifting competition?

With the surging economy in the '80s came an influx of new workers, including young men from South Pacific Islands who grew up playing rugby. They established their game on Saipan with high quality-play, eventually enjoining Guam in an annual tournament which Saipan won something like 10 years in a row before the sport folded like a cheap table. As the economy waned, no, withered, organized rugby vanished like ice cream at the beach. So did tackle football.

Currently the longest standing competition here is the Laguna Regatta, a Hobie Cat race held by the Over the Reef Yacht Club. This is supposed to be its 35th consecutive year but like the government budget the clock is ticking without progress. The event was postponed in May after getting tied up unexpectedly by red tape. Time will tell if the small group of seasoned weekend sailors can get it to together before the end of the year to keep their streak going.

If it doesn't, I won't be surprised. It'd be a sign of the times.

SPARKS

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cisco led Rollers C with 9 markers in the loss.

Sparks 82 – Faisao 20, Hosain 18, Mettao 16, E Manglona 10, Romeo 8, Norita 6, M Manglona 4.

Rollers C 28 – Francisco 9, Mabini 6, Teregeyo 5, Sacramento 4, Yap 4.

Scoring by Quarters: 17-4, 31-10, 59-18, 82-28.

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MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Tampa Bay	94	64	.595	_
z-New York	94	65	.591	1/2
Boston	87	71	.551	7
Toronto	82	76	.519	12
Baltimore	63	95	.399	31

Central Division

x-Minnesota	93	65	.589	_
Chicago	85	73	.538	8
Detroit	80	78	.506	13
Cleveland	68	91	.428	25 1/2
Kansas City	65	93	.411	28

West Division

x-Texas	88	70	.557	_
Los Angeles	78	80	.494	10
Oakland	77	81	.487	11
Seattle	61	97	.386	27

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	95	64	.597	_
Atlanta	90	69	.566	5
Florida	77	81	.487	17 1/2
New York	77	81	.487	17 1/2
Washington	68	91	.428	27

Central Division

x-Cincinnati	88	70	.557	_
St. Louis	82	76	.519	6
Houston	75	83	.475	13
Milwaukee	75	83	.475	13
Chicago	72	86	.456	16
Pittsburgh	56	102	.354	32

West Division

San Francisco	90	68	.570	_
San Diego	88	70	.557	2
Colorado	83	75	.525	7
Los Angeles	78	81	.491	12 1/2
Arizona	64	94	.405	26

x-clinched division

Yesterday's Games

St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 6
Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 7, 1st game
Milwaukee 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 2nd game
Atlanta 5, Florida 1
Philadelphia 7, Washington 1
Houston 2, Cincinnati 0
San Diego 3, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 3, Arizona 1
Texas 6, Seattle 5
L.A. Angels 2, Oakland 1, 11 innings
Cleveland 4, Detroit 0, 1st game
Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 4
Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 0
Cleveland 4, Detroit 3, 2nd game
Chicago White Sox 5, Boston 2
Minnesota 4, Kansas City 2

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mongami victorious in USSP qualifying tourney

John Mongami clawed his way to the top of Sunday's USS Peleliu Club's Customer Appreciation 8-Ball qualifying tournament, but he had to climb over three previous qualifiers to do it.

Erina Olkeriil, who took last Thursday's top spot, was his first victim. Mongami then fought past qualifiers Simeon Kapileo and Taylor Watanabe on his way to the top of the winner's bracket.

Kapileo had beaten Jerry Atalig and Patrick Cepeda, who won his first match with Annie Tesiro. Watanabe reached the winner's semifinal with wins over qualifier Ron Chisato and James Kintaro. Kintaro took his first game from Vince Cabrera.

In the loser's bracket, Cabrera came back by eliminating Norman Tenorio, but fell to Chisato, who then lost to Kapileo.

Cepeda, the winner of last month's Labor Day tournament, roared past Olkeriil, Atalig, Kintaro, Kapileo, and Watanabe to reach the final. Mongami calmly held his ground and took the first place trophy from Pacific Amusement.

There is no entry fee for the qualifying tournaments, held on Thursdays and Sundays to fill the 16-player bracket for the Oct. 10 Columbus Day final and its $100 first prize. The winner gets a trophy from Pacific Amusement and a guaranteed spot in the final.

The Oct. 10 field will include qualifying tournament champions, joined by players who earn the most points for second, third, and fourth place finishes. The 16 finalists will also be "seeded" for their first game, with the points leaders starting off against opponents with the least points.

Watanabe has the lead with 10 points, followed by Kapileo and Chisato with eight. Cepeda has six, Mongami five. Olkeriil, Sablan, and Tesiro have all earned four, and Tom Basa has one point.

Sign-up begins at 7:30pm on Sundays and Thursdays. There is no charge.

Opponents are chosen by blind draw for the double elimination tournament. Play follows Billiard Congress of America rules.

The Oct. 10 winner will win $100, with $50 for the runner-up. Pacific Amusement awards trophies for first, second, and third place.

For more information, call Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. ***(USSP)***

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John Mongami, seen here in a file photo, won USS Peleliu Club's Customer Appreciation 8-Ball qualifying tournament last Sunday.

Last Pacific Games qualifier Saturday

The last qualifying tournament for the 14th Pacific Games will be held tomorrow on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Check-in time for the last qualifier is at 11am, while tee-off is at 12pm.

Incidentally, the final qualifier will also determine the winner of the last slot on the five-man CNMI Team that will compete in Noumea, New Caledonia next year and join early qualifiers Jess Wabol, Jeff Taylor, Edward Manibusan, and Adam Hardwicke.

Battling for the last ticket for the New Caledonia trip are Tony Satur, Nick Sablan, and Tars Olopai.

Qualifiers are determined via a series of tournaments that started several months ago. Participants played the first six tournaments and had one optional event either for make-up or for dropping the lowest score. Then the average score in six qualifiers are computed to determine the Top 5 rankings.

Golfers who may not qualify for a slot on the team are still encouraged to join this weekend's tournament to help raise funds for the New Caledonia trip. Wabol said $10 of the entrance fee for the qualifier will go to team's Pacific Games fund.

Golfers representing the CNMI to the Pacific Games in the French territory need to have $1,800 each to make the trip.

Wabol, who is coordinating the series of qualifiers with other golfers, said individuals/companies wishing to support the team's campaign in New Caledonia are welcome.

For sponsorship of the team or for more information, contact Wabol at 288-1129, Manibusan at 235-6520, Taylor at 483-2513, or Jordon Kosam at 483-4506. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Mieko bike fundraiser Sunday

All is set for the Mieko XTERRA fundraiser this Sunday.

The event will have three courses: MTB; road bike; and a duathlon course for kids. All races will start at 7am at Paupau Beach and proceeds will go to the funds Mieko Carey will be used to represent the CNMI to the 2010 XTERRA World Championships in Maui, Hawaii later this month.

"There will be prizes for first placers and there will be many raffle prizes. Everyone will have a chance to win. Thank you very much for your support and hope to see you this Sunday," Carey said.

The MTB course will begin and end at Paupau Beach with bikers heading to the water tank, the back side of the Marianas Country Club, Suicide Cliff, and Kimikaze, Autobahn, Grotto, and Banzai trails.

The road course will also start and finish at Paupau Beach, but participants will go straight to Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, Grotto, and Banzai. The road race will be a good warm-up for the Hell of Marianas.

The duathlon for kids will have bikers riding three loops around the Paupau Beach parking lot and running (between 500m to 1K) along the shore.

Registration time is at 6:30am. Entrance fee is only $10 for adults and $5 for kids.

Carey will be making his third stint in XTERRA World this year. She earned another ticket to the Hawaii event after placing third in the 2010 XTERRA Saipan Championship. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Lewie Tenorio pedals up as he heads to the northern part the island. Bikers will head north again for the Mieko XTERRA fundraiser this Sunday.

5 teams show interest in PILCOWA caging

The Pilipino Contract Workers Association has already attracted five teams for the 2010 PILCOWA Basketball League.

Coordinator Pando Muleta has yet to disclose the names of the interested squads, but he said representative of the five teams have already made initial inquiries regarding the league.

The PILCOWA caging is set to kick off at the JP Center Basketball Court tentatively on Oct. 12.

Interested teams will be asked to attend a meeting next week to discuss developments and other details about the league. Date and venue of the meeting will be announced later.

This year's PILCOWA caging will have competition only in the open division.

The same format, schedule, and rules from the past two editions of the annual league will still be implemented this year. Muleta added they are planning to schedule games every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Trophies for the Top 3 finishers will be awarded at the end of the season, while organizers will also recognize the top individual performers—MVPs in the regular season and finals and winners of the various statistical departments (rebounds, assists, blocks, steals, and scoring).

Muleta said they are hoping to attract eight teams in the third season of the PILCOWA caging.

Last year, PILCOWA's open division lured five teams—2008 champion Diamond Ali'i, Noni, IT&E, New City International Construction, and Saipan Fresh. The league's masters division also lured five teams—Ebisuya, Wushin Corp., University of Loyola, Cool Water, and GEC Pawnshop.

Noni is this year's defending champion, as it shut out Saipan Fresh in last season's best-of-three finals. Noni, which placed second to Diamond in the inaugural PILCOWA caging in 2008, won Games 1, 96-87, and 2 108-103, to improve its performance in the maiden season.

The masters division finals last season went neck-and-neck with Ebisuya prevailing in the deciding Game 3, 78-74. Ebisuya won Game 1, 99-93, but University of Loyola stretched the series after a 91-83 victory in Game 2. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Noni Saipan's Glenn Aquino, left, tries to tap the ball away from Diamond's Junar Guiab during their game in last season's PILCOWA caging at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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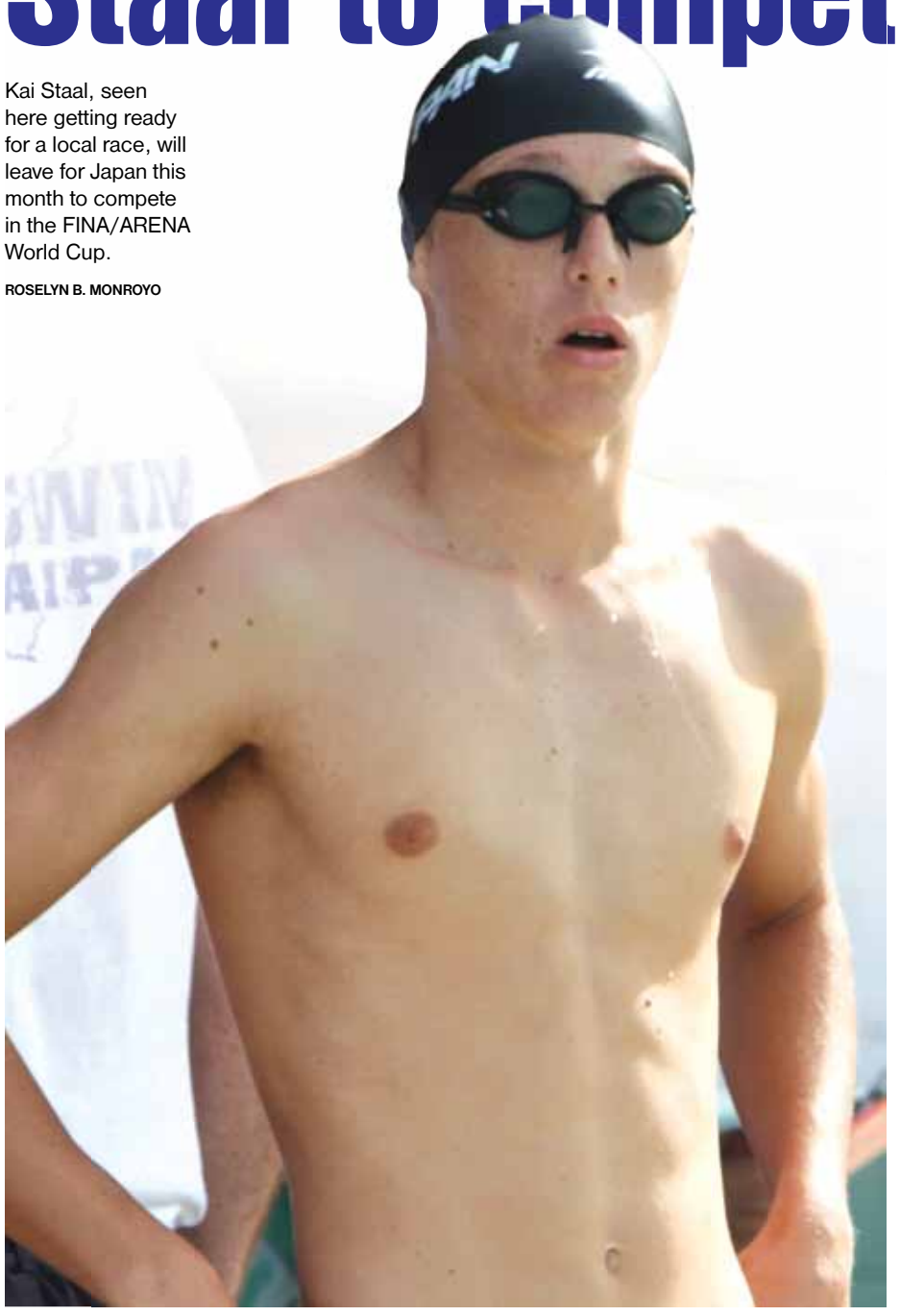
Staal to compete in FINA World Cup



Kai Staal, seen here getting ready for a local race, will leave for Japan this month to compete in the FINA/ARENA World Cup.

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Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Kai Staal is leaving for Tokyo, Japan later this month to compete in the 2010 FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup.

Tsunami Saipan coach Hiro Kimura said Staal received an invitation from tournament host Japan Swimming Association after the latter competed in Tokyo Open early this year. Kimura added he believed the 16-year-old swimmer is the first from the CNMI to compete in the World Cup.

"This is a high-level meet and is only for fast swimmers. The FINA World Championship or Japan Open are for all swimmers, fast or slow. However in World Cup, only the fast swimmers will be there. Kai is our best sprinter here and racing against the best sprinters in the world will help him a lot," Kimura said.

"He has to face this big challenge and then encourage young CNMI swimmers to do the same," the Tsunami Saipan coach added.

Staal will be competing in the 400m freestyle and 200m backstroke races.

The tournament in Japan is one of the series of competitions in this year's World Cup. It will be held in a 25-meter pool at the Tokyo Tatsumi International Swimming Pool on Oct. 20 and 21.

The event in Tokyo will be the fourth stop of the World Cup series. The first was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil last Sept. 10 to 12, the second will be in Beijing, China (Oct. 12 and 13); third in Singapore (Oct. 16 and 17); fifth in Berlin, Germany (Oct.

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Garcia rules PIC Bike for Life 3

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jazy Garcia, seen here in file photo during last year's pre-Hell of Marianas race, won the PIC Bike for Life 3 last Sunday.

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Jazy Garcia came all the way from Guam to compete in the Pacific Islands Club Bike for Life 3 and had a worthy trip after emerging as the overall finisher in last Sunday's race.

Garcia clocked in at one hour, one minute, and 25.78 seconds in the 40-kilometer race that started from PIC's southern to Paupau and back to the San Antonio hotel.

Besides finishing No. 1 overall, the veteran rider Garcia topped the road bike category of the event, defeating two Saipan bets—Lewie Tenorio and Butch Sublemente. Tenorio finished second, missing Garcia by only a second (1:02:26.78), while Sublemente settled for third after submitting 1:02:26.90).

Twenty-four others joined the road bike division of the weekend race, which was a fundraising event for cancer victims and helped riders warm-up for the 2010 Hell of the Marianas Century Cycle Race in December.

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Sparks demolish hapless Rollers C

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The Sparks dominated the Rollers C crew from tip off to the final buzzer, 82-28, in by far the most one-sided contest in the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League U19 season Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Sahj Hossain was a man amongst boys in the opening period scoring 11 of the Sparks' 17 points, while his team held Rollers C to only a couple of buckets to lead 17-4 going into the second quarter.

In the second period, Sparks' Frank Mettao stepped in for Hossain and delivered eight points to help shoot the Sparks way out in front by 21 whopping points, 31-10, at intermission.

In the second half, the Sparks showed absolutely no mercy and ran up the scoreboard, 59-18.

For some reason the Sparks played their starters for the whole game, although not together as a single unit. The game was virtually over by halftime. Perhaps the Sparks are sending a message to the league that they are the team to beat.

Either way, Sparks' Hossain and Ichitaro Faisao took the floor together at the start of the last period even though they had over a 40-point lead.

These two players regularly play on playoff-caliber teams in any league, so who knows what the Sparks' coach was thinking because it was unnecessary to rub it in.

Faisao led the Sparks with 20 points, while Ralph Fran-

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Sparks' point man Ichitaro Faisao switches to his left hand in mid-air to avoid a swipe by Roller C's David Diaz in their Rotary caging game Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

WALTER SUTHERLAND

Times changin'

Winston Churchill said, "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." Well, that means either the Northern Marianas is perfect or Churchill didn't know what he was talking about.

Every place goes through changes but few places in the world experienced such drastic, swinging social and economic transformation as the Commonwealth did from the '70s to the present. Saipan has evolved—for better or worse—but some sports devolved, or I should say dissolved.

My first experience playing against a team from Saipan came when I lived on Rota back in the Seventies. A fastpitch softball team from Chalan Kanoa led by pitcher Luis Babauta came down just to play a couple of goodwill games against us. And the D-9ers with Juan Camacho and Juan L. Babauta came down. Imagine that happening today? Nope, cannot because 1) nobody is playing fastpitch

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OFF THE BENCH

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